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**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013 ON PAGE 104]**

SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: GOOD MORNING. ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE
RISE. TODAY OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY ROBERT DUKE,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES AT AZUSA PACIFIC
UNIVERSITY, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE WHICH WILL BE LED BY
STEPHANIE STONE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS.

DR. ROBERT DUKE: THANK YOU. I WAS INVITED TO GIVE THIS
INVOCATION TODAY AFTER JOE ROCHA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AZUSA
SUGGESTED MY NAME TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICE. MY FRIENDSHIP
WITH THE MAYOR BEGAN WHEN MY HEBREW PROPHETS CLASS I TEACH AT
AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY WORKED WITH THE MAYOR ON A SERVICE
LEARNING PROJECT INTENTIONALLY FOCUSED ON BULLYING IN LOCAL
SCHOOLS. THE HEBREW PROPHETS EXHORT THE READERS TO CARE
COMPASSIONATELY FOR THOSE IN THEIR WORLD WHO ARE NEGLECTED.
DURING THIS SAME CLASS, MY WIFE AND I WELCOMED OUR FIRST
FOSTER DAUGHTER INTO OUR LIVES. SHE WAS EVENTUALLY
TRANSITIONED TO BE WITH SIBLINGS BUT SHE WILL ALWAYS HAVE A
PLACE IN OUR HEARTS. TODAY AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOSTER
PARENT, I WANT TO THANK ALL INVOLVED IN PROTECTING THESE DEAR



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1 CHILDREN, FELLOW FOSTER PARENTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, EVERYONE AT
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND SPECIFICALLY
3 THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE ALL OF
4 US TO FOCUS DURING MY INVOCATION ON THE MANY CHILDREN THAT ARE
5 DEPENDING ON THIS BODY, ON ALL OF US, FOR HEALTH, HOPE AND
6 HOME. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THIS REFLECTION AS I READ LYRICS FROM
7 "FOREVER YOUNG" BY BOB DYLAN. "MAY YOU GROW UP TO BE
8 RIGHTEOUS. MAY YOU GROW UP TO BE TRUE. MAY YOU ALWAYS KNOW THE
9 TRUTH AND SEE THE LIGHTS SURROUNDING YOU. MAY YOU ALWAYS BE
10 COURAGEOUS, STAND UPRIGHT AND BE STRONG. MAY YOU STAY FOREVER
11 YOUNG." ALL OF US FAMILIAR WITH THE FOSTER SYSTEM KNOW HOW
12 CHILDHOOD CAN BE STOLEN FROM THESE PRECIOUS CHILDREN. I PRAY
13 THAT THE WORDS OF DYLAN'S SOONG CAN BE REALIZED IN THE LIVES
14 OF THESE CHILDREN THROUGH THE WORK OF THIS BODY. SO AS WE
15 GATHER TODAY, MAY ALL OF US IN SEATS OF POWER REMEMBER THE
16 POWERLESS. MAY ALL OF US WITH A VOICE SPEAK UP FOR THOSE
17 WITHOUT A VOICE. MAY ALL THE DECISIONS MADE TODAY AND IN THE
18 FUTURE BRING ABOUT THE REALITY WE ALL SEEK FOR ALL THE
19 CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY: A PLACE CALLED HOME. AMEN.

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21 **STEPHANIE STONE:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART
22 AND REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE REMAIN
25 STANDING. THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, MANY OF US ARE REMINDED HOW



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1 FORTUNATE WE ARE TO BE SURROUNDED BY OUR LOVED ONES.
2 UNFORTUNATELY, NOT EVERYONE SHARES THIS BLESSING. ON
3 WEDNESDAY, TOMORROW, THE COUNTY WILL ONCE AGAIN BURY THE
4 REMAINS OF APPROXIMATELY 1,464 INDIVIDUALS IN A MASS GRAVE.
5 MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE NO ONE BUT THE COUNTY TO
6 PROVIDE THEM WITH A RESPECTFUL AND DIGNIFIED BURIAL. SOME ARE
7 HOMELESS. MANY ARE POOR. SOME HAVE NO FAMILIES TO GRIEVE FOR
8 THEM. BUT REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEIR STATUS IN LIFE WAS, THEIR
9 LIFE MATTERED. IT MATTERS TO US, THE COUNTY FAMILY. AT THIS
10 TIME I WOULD JUST ASK THAT EVERYONE JUST PLEASE REMAIN
11 STANDING FOR A MOMENT IN HONOR OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH A
12 MOMENT OF SILENCE. (MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED). THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT JACKET IS IN HONOR OF ME
15 BECOMING CHAIR. WELL, BEFORE WE BEGIN THE READING OF THE
16 AGENDA, I'M GOING TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO MAKE
17 HIS COMMENTS ABOUT HIS YEAR LAST YEAR. SO, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
18 THOMAS, YOU'RE ON, BUDDY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. I
21 SIMPLY WANT TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS AND BEGIN WITH
22 A WORD OF THANKS AND TO SAY TO YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE WISH YOU
23 WELL IN YOUR TENURE AS CHAIR. MY VIEW IS THE FOLLOWING: A
24 HALLMARK OF OUR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY AT THE
25 LOCAL LEVEL, IT IS THE ABILITY TO TURN OVER THE REINS OF



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1 LEADERSHIP SEAMLESSLY AND I THINK WE WILL EFFECTIVELY
2 ACCOMPLISH THAT. AND TO LOOK AT A SET OF PRIORITIES, TO
3 RESPECT THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINIONS AND DIFFERING STYLES THAT
4 THE FIVE OF US HAVE. WE DO SO MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT THERE
5 ARE MANY SERIOUS ITEMS TO WHICH WE MUST TURN OUR ATTENTION.
6 BUT WE DO SO IN A TRADITION OF CIVIL DISCOURSE AND INFORMED
7 DELIBERATION; THAT IS, IN MY VIEW, THE ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY.
8 SO, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE
9 AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR THE PAST YEAR AND TO CONVEY MY
10 APPRECIATION TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN ENHANCING THAT
11 EXPERIENCE. WE TRIED TO SET FORTH A SET OF PRIORITIES THAT THE
12 PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW THE BOARD ORGANIZATIONS ITS WORK AROUND,
13 WORKING CLUSTERS PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH, CHILDREN AND FAMILY
14 WELL-BEING OPERATIONS CLUSTER AND THERE'S A COMMUNITY,
15 MUNICIPAL SERVICE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS CLUSTER. THERE ARE
16 ESSENTIALLY FIVE. AND THE BOARD HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK PAYING
17 ATTENTION TO THOSE AREAS. SO WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH
18 REFORM, WITH THE FOCUS ON PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT, WITH THE
19 FOCUS ON THE ISSUE OF JAIL VIOLENCE AND THE ISSUE OF HUMAN
20 TRAFFICKING AND THE WORK AROUND TRANSITION AGED YOUTH
21 SERVICES, THOSE PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN VARYING
22 DEGREES BY ALL FIVE OF US. AND SOME OF THE PARTICULAR POINT TO
23 BE PUNCTUATED IS THE AREA OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY
24 DURING THE LAST YEAR, AND SO THE SET ITEMS THAT WE HAVE CALLED
25 TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN JUST FOR THAT



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1 PURPOSE. THEY HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON HEALTH, PROBATION, JAIL
2 VIOLENCE COMMISSION IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR, THE ISSUE OF
3 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. AND IT HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR
4 EVERYONE TO KNOW WHAT THOSE ISSUES ARE: THE AFFORDABLE CARE
5 ACT, THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT, THE ISSUE OF
6 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING AND INCARCERATION PRACTICES,
7 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CHILDREN UNDER OUR JURISDICTION, ALL OF
8 THOSE ISSUES HAVE BEEN BEFORE US. THEY ARE NOT NEW ISSUES. WE
9 TRUST THAT THE ISSUE OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY HAS
10 BEEN HEIGHTENED. AND SO I WANT TO THANK THE AFOREMENTIONED
11 DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICE-- OFFICER AND COUNTY COUNSEL, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AS
13 WELL AS THE BALANCE OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHO HELP MAKE
14 THIS COUNTY WORK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK, YOUR PATIENCE, YOUR
15 EFFORTS, YOUR COOPERATION AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO
16 UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT DURING THIS PAST YEAR WE PUT IN
17 PLACE, AS WE COMMITTED TO DO, INSPECTOR GENERAL WHO'S ON THE
18 AGENDA TODAY TO BE FINALIZED IN TERMS OF CAUSING THAT
19 IMPORTANT MATTER TO GO FORWARD, THE WORK OF THE BLUE RIBBON
20 COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY HAS BEEN EMPANELED.
21 THAT WORK CONTINUES. AND I'D LIKE IT TO BE KNOWN, MR. CHAIRMAN
22 AND COLLEAGUES, THE WORK OF THE COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
23 COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH IS A TASK THAT FALLS ON THE
24 PLATE OF THE CHAIR, HAS BEEN ENGAGED WITH RIGOR AND WE
25 ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF STAFF THERE. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING VERY



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1 CLOSELY AT THE BUSINESS OF RECIDIVISM AND HOW WE MAKE THAT
2 REAL AS A FEATURE OF REENTRY. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER
3 FOR US AS WELL AS A RANGE OF OTHER ISSUES. FIRST FIVE L.A., WE
4 WORKED VERY HARD THERE WITH OUR RESPECTIVE STAFFS TO PICK UP
5 ON SOME OF THE WORK THAT HAD PRECEDED, PUNCTUATE THE POINT
6 AROUND THE ISSUE OF AUTISM AS WELL AS THE ISSUE FOR HOUSING
7 FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES, A CONTINUING WORK THAT WE KNOW TO BE
8 IMPORTANT AS WELL AS THE WORK FOR AT RISK YOUNG FATHERS AND
9 MOTHERS LEARNING PARENTING SKILLS. SO A LOT IS GOING ON AT
10 FIRST FIVE AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE STAFF AND LEADERSHIP THERE.
11 MAY I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO THE
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ITS LEADERSHIP FOR THE WORK AND
13 PROFESSIONALISM, THE STANDARDS THAT THEY HAVE BROUGHT TO BEAR
14 FOR THIS BOARD IN ITS ENTIRETY AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE
15 SUPPORT THAT HAS BEEN AFFORDED ME AS CHAIRMAN FOR THIS PAST
16 YEAR. ONCE AGAIN, MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND IT'S
17 ALL YOURS. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE WAS A TAD TOO MUCH ENTHUSIASM IN
20 THAT LAST LITTLE LINE OF YOUR-- BUT, ANYWAY, TO ALL OF YOU,
21 AGAIN, IT'S AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE SELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THIS
22 BOARD FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR AND AGAIN WOULD LIKE TO THANK
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR AN OUTSTANDING YEAR AS CHAIRMAN.
24 AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE HAD A CHALLENGING YEAR. AND WE AS A
25 COUNTRY STRONGER BECAUSE OF HIS LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION. SO



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1 WE APPRECIATE HIS EFFORTS. THIS IS A BITTERSWEET TIME FOR THE
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IN THE UPCOMING YEAR,
3 WE WILL BE SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISORS
4 GLORIA MOLINA AND ZEV YAROSLAVSKY WHO HAVE SERVED OVER 40
5 COMBINED YEARS ON THIS BOARD. IN A MATTER OF MONTHS, THIS
6 BOARD WILL HAVE A DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT LOOK AND FEEL. WHEN
7 ZEV AND GLORIA RIDE OFF INTO THE SUNSET NEXT YEAR, THEY'LL BE
8 TAKING WITH THEM IRREPLACEABLE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND
9 CONTINUITY. WHILE THE TERM-LIMIT SHIP SAILED A LONG TIME AGO,
10 THERE IS NO DOUBT THIS COUNTY HAS BENEFITED ENORMOUSLY OVER
11 THE YEARS FROM STEADY, CONSISTENT LEADERSHIP. AND I HAVE A
12 FEAR THAT THE TERM LIMITS WILL MAKE PRIORITIES EVEN MORE SHORT
13 TERMED AS USUAL AND AS WELL AND I SURE HOPE THAT I'M WRONG ON
14 THAT PARTICULAR SITUATION. THIS WILL BE MY FINAL TIME SERVING
15 AS CHAIRMAN AND TO ME WILL BE A VERY MEANINGFUL YEAR. WE FACE
16 AND CONTINUE TO FACE A NUMBER OF GREAT CHALLENGES BUT OUR
17 BOARD IS STRONG, UNITED AND FOCUSED ON GOOD RESPONSIBLE
18 GOVERNMENT FOR THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY.
19 I'M PROUD TO BE PART OF A TEAM THAT HAS WORKED THROUGH SOME
20 VERY CRITICAL ISSUES AND YET BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN FISCAL
21 RESPONSIBILITY GOVERNMENT. WE'VE DEALT HEAD-ON WITH THE
22 PROBLEMS THAT HAVE COME BEFORE US. WE HAVE NEVER KICKED THE
23 CAN DOWN THE ROAD. FRANKLY, AS WE ALL KNOW, THERE IS NOWHERE
24 TO KICK IT. BUT DESPITE OUR DIFFERENT POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS ON
25 THIS BOARD, THIS BOARD DOESN'T GET BOGGED DOWN IN PARTISAN



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1 BICKERING LIKE OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE FEDERAL OR STATE LEVEL.
2 WE CAN'T BECAUSE THE BUCK STOPS HERE. WE HAVE TO FIX THE
3 PROBLEM. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS AT ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
4 CROSSROADS IN ITS 163-YEAR HISTORY. IN 2016 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS WILL BE JOINED BY FOUR NEW SUPERVISORS. FOR THE FIVE OF
6 US, THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THIS GREAT
7 COUNTY AND SHARE ITS VIABILITY FOR YEARS TO COME AND SET AN
8 EXAMPLE FOR THOSE WHO WILL TAKE THE HELM AFTER US. THERE'S NO
9 QUESTION THAT WE ARE FACING THESE VERY SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES
10 ACROSS EVERY REALM OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES: PUBLIC SAFETY,
11 HEALTHCARE, CHILD WELFARE WILL REQUIRE OUR SEASONED LEADERSHIP
12 NOW MORE THAN EVER. THIS DOESN'T MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD
13 SET ASIDE FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO LOOK BEYOND THESE CHALLENGES.
14 TO THAT END, IN MY YEAR AS CHAIRMAN, I'M GOING TO BE
15 ESTABLISHING TO TRY TO FOCUS IN ON TWO MAJOR AREAS AND THAT'S
16 INNOVATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICE. AND I KNOW THAT THOSE WORDS
17 GET THROWN AROUND A LOT, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US AS
18 WE DEAL WITH OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE LARGEST COUNTY IN
19 THE NATION, THAT WE AS A COUNTY FROM THE BOARD, DEPARTMENT
20 HEADS TO OUR FRONTLINE EMPLOYEES LOOK AT HOW WE SERVE OUR
21 RESIDENTS AND ASK OURSELVES: HOW CAN WE DO THIS BETTER?
22 WHETHER IT'S APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE AT THE D.P.S.S. OFFICE OR
23 THE WAY SOMEONE CASTS A VOTE IN ELECTION, TO HOW BUSINESSES
24 EITHER OPEN THEIR DOORS OR RETAIN JOBS HERE IN LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY, WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS BRINGING OUR



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1 COUNTY INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. I ALWAYS LOOK AT IT THAT DEALING
2 WITH THE COUNTY OR INTERACTING WITH THE COUNTY SHOULD BE AS
3 EASY AS MAKING A PURCHASE ON AMAZON. SO WE NEED TO UPDATE OLD
4 TECHNOLOGIES, DEVELOP APPS, WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO, BUT THAT'S
5 JUST NOT ALL OF THEM. WE NEED TO ENSURE AND CHANGE AN OVERALL
6 CULTURE TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO OUR RESIDENTS. WE NEED TO
7 COMMIT OURSELVES TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE MENTALITY AND I THINK
8 WE'RE DOING SLOWLY BUT SURELY DOING THAT, AND THAT IS THE
9 MENTALITY THAT THIS IS THE WAY THAT WE'VE ALWAYS DONE THINGS.
10 SO IT DOESN'T MATTER, YOU KNOW, AS WE GO FORWARD, PROBABLY THE
11 BIGGEST DEAL-- AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK WITH IT,
12 INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY IS THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. AS I
13 TELL PEOPLE, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU WERE FOR IT OR AGAINST
14 IT, COME JANUARY 1, 2014, IT'S HERE. IT'S IN OUR LAPS. AND
15 THERE ARE MAJOR RAMIFICATIONS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND
16 WE'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO PREPARE FOR. UNDER THE AFFORDABLE
17 CARE ACT, THERE STILL WILL BE OVER ONE MILLION OF OUR
18 RESIDENTS AT THE END OF THE DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT WE
19 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. KAISER DOESN'T HAVE THAT CHALLENGE.
20 NEITHER DOES THE CEDARS OR BLUE CROSS OR SOME OF THE OTHERS.
21 AS BEFORE, THE A.C.A., IT WILL FALL ON US TO CARE FOR THOSE
22 WHO HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO. SO WE NEED TO MAKE COMMON SENSE
23 ADVANCEMENTS TO ATTRACT NEW CUSTOMERS TO OUR HEALTHCARE
24 SYSTEM, WE NEED TO BRIDGE THESE INNOVATIONS WITH THE WAY WE
25 INTERACT WITH OUR PATIENTS. IN THE END, IT'S ABOUT



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1 RELATIONSHIPS AND TRUST BETWEEN THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND
2 THE PATIENTS. HEALTHCARE REFORM COULD BE THE GREATEST
3 CHALLENGE THIS COUNTY HAS EVER FACED, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE
4 ARE MORE THAN UP TO IT. WE ALREADY HAVE FIRST CLASS MEDICAL
5 FACILITIES, SOME OF THE BEST HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE
6 COUNTRY; BUT TOO OFTEN WE ARE JUST THOUGHT OF AS BEING A
7 SYSTEM OF LAST RESORT, SO WE NEED TO CHANGE THAT MISCONCEPTION
8 AND GET OUR STORY OUT TO THE PUBLIC, WHICH WE'RE TRYING TO DO.
9 AND THOUGH WE CONTINUE TO FOCUS IN THOSE EFFORTS, AND OTHERS,
10 ONE OF THE THINGS WE MUST NEVER, NEVER FORGET, AND THAT'S OUR
11 MOST VULNERABLE CONSTITUENTS AND THOSE THAT RELY ON US AS THE
12 ULTIMATE SAFETY NET. I THINK OUR MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY
13 AS A COUNTY SUPERVISOR IS TO PROTECT THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE,
14 PARTICULARLY OUR CHILDREN. OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, I HAVE
15 BEEN FOCUSED ON THE ISSUE OF THESE YOUNG GIRLS, SOME EVEN AS
16 YOUNG AS 10 YEARS OLD HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY EXPLOITED FOR MONEY
17 BY THESE PIMPS. AND ONCE AGAIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS BEEN ON
18 THE FOREFRONT WHERE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SO OF BY
19 SPREADING THE WORD, GETTING THESE GIRLS THE CRITICAL SERVICES
20 THEY NEED. AND OVER THE NEXT YEAR, WE WANT TO REMAIN VIGILANT
21 AND AGGRESSIVE PREVENTING THIS HORRIFIC CRIME AND HELPING
22 YOUNG GIRLS WHO ARE ABLE TO SURVIVE. LIKE THE SAFE SURRENDER
23 PROGRAM, THIS IS AN ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK ISSUE. IT'S NOT JUST
24 D.C.F.S. OR PROBATION. IT'S ALL OF US. WE ARE THE LARGEST
25 COUNTY IN THE NATION, AND WHEN IT COMES TO PUBLIC POLICY, OUR



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1 VOICE IS AMONGST THE LOUDEST. WE HAVE 39 DEPARTMENTS WORKING
2 TO MEET THE NEEDS OF 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. I KNOW HOW HARD OUR
3 EMPLOYEES WORK, OFTEN IN VERY CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS UNDER
4 SOME VERY EXTREME AND EXTRAORDINARY PRESSURES. BUT SOMETIMES I
5 THINK WE GET CAUGHT UP IN OUR OWN CHALLENGES WITHOUT STEPPING
6 BACK TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE. AND I SAID IT BEFORE AND I
7 SAY IT AGAIN AND MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SHARED IT AWAY. COUNTY
8 DEPARTMENTS BECOME TOO CLOSED MINDED AND GET TUNNEL VISION IN
9 MANY CASES BECAUSE THEY DO NOT COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER.
10 WE'RE WORKING TO BREAK THAT SILO MENTALITY, AND OFTENTIMES WE
11 ARE WORKING IN A VERY POSITIVE WAY, YET WE STILL HAVE THINGS
12 TO DO. SO TO TEAR DOWN THESE SILOS AND ENCOURAGE OUR
13 DEPARTMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER, I'M ESTABLISHING THE CHAIRMAN'S
14 CHALLENGE. AT THE END OF THE YEAR, AN AWARD WILL BE GIVEN TO
15 TWO OR MORE DEPARTMENTS THAT WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP AND
16 IMPLEMENT AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM OR INITIATIVE THAT HELPS US
17 MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS IN A WAY THAT WE'VE NEVER DONE
18 BEFORE. FRESH NEW IDEAS. NOT WHAT PEOPLE EXPECT FROM
19 GOVERNMENT. AS ALBERT EINSTEIN ONCE SAID, "WE COULD NOT SOLVE
20 OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE SAME THINKING WE USED WHEN WE CREATED
21 THEM." SO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE A NEW CHAPTER OF
22 COUNTY GOVERNMENT THAT WILL BE SMARTER, MORE EFFICIENT, BETTER
23 SERVING AND EASY TO WORK WITH. WE CAN LEAVE THIS COUNTY IN A
24 BETTER PLACE. AND WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. SO THE WORK
25 STARTS NOW. SO LET'S DO THE AGENDA. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE WE GO TO
3 AGENDA, IF YOU'D LIKE TO CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE CHAIR PRO
4 TEM.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, I'LL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE
7 CHAIR PRO TEM.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION I'D LIKE
10 TO NOMINATE THE DEAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR
11 MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH AS CHAIR PRO TEM.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS?
14 NOMINATIONS ARE CLOSED. SO ORDERED. CONGRATULATIONS, MR.
15 CHAIRMAN PRO TEM.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ALSO, I COMMEND
18 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AS HIS YEAR AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HE PROVIDED A LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM
20 AND ADROITNESS IN HANDLING THE AGENDA AND HANDLING THE PUBLIC
21 OPINION, PUBLIC COMMENT AND WAS ABLE TO WORK WITH ALL MEMBERS
22 OF THIS BOARD. OUR STAFFS WORKED TOGETHER COOPERATIVELY ON
23 MANY OF THE ISSUES BEFORE US. SO WE APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP,
24 AND I WOULD SAY THAT TERM LIMITS DO HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT,
25 AS WE'VE SEEN WHERE IT'S OCCURRING IN SACRAMENTO. AND WE WILL



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1 BE AT A LOSS WITHOUT SUPERVISOR MOLINA AT THE END OF THIS 2014
2 YEAR AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WE APPRECIATED THEIR
3 LEADERSHIP, AS WELL. SO WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER AS A GOOD
4 TEAM. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER AND DISAGREE TOGETHER
5 AND STILL MOVE FORWARD IN DEALING WITH THE PRIORITIES OF THIS
6 COUNTY AND STATE AND NATION. SO I COMMEND SUPERVISOR MARK
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND CONGRATULATE YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, BECOMING
8 CHAIR ONCE AGAIN.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] LET'S GO FORWARD
11 WITH THE AGENDA, THEN. EXCUSE ME. WE HAVE A PRESENTATION.
12 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT. I WANT TO THANK DR.
15 ROBERT DUKE FOR LEADING US TODAY IN OUR INVOCATION. HE SERVES
16 AS THE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES AT AZUSA
17 PACIFIC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY IN ADDITION TO HIS
18 ACADEMIC ROLE, DR. DUKE IS A DISTINGUISHED AUTHOR AND HAS
19 RECEIVED EXTENSIVE RECOGNITION FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A
20 BIBLICAL SCHOLAR. ALSO, DR. DUKE HAS TRAVELED AND STUDIED
21 EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH HAS ENRICHED HIS
22 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL APPROACH. WE CERTAINLY WANT
23 TO THANK HIM ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR LEADING
24 US TODAY IN OUR INVOCATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] AND
25 HE'S AN L.A. COUNTY FOSTER PARENT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, MR.

5 CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA

6 ON PAGE 2, PRESENTATION AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-2, AS

7 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND

8 FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO

9 JANUARY 7, 2014. ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM

10 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE

11 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM NO. 1-D,

12 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS

13 ITEM. ON PAGE 4, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11, ON

14 ITEM NO. 3, THERE ARE THE FOLLOWING ABSTENTIONS ON THIS ITEM.

15 ON SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 9, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS

16 STATED HE HAS A PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST BECAUSE HE WOULD

17 RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR SERVING ON THIS DISTRICT'S BOARD AND

18 THEREFORE WILL BE ABSTAINING FROM VOTING ON THIS APPOINTMENT.

19 HIS ABSTENTION IS NOTED FOR THE RECORD. ON SANITATION DISTRICT

20 NO. 17, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS STATED THAT HE HAS A

21 PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST BECAUSE HE WOULD RECEIVE A STIPEND

22 FOR SERVING ON THIS DISTRICT, THEREFORE WILL BE ABSTAINING

23 FROM VOTING ON THIS APPOINTMENT. HIS ABSTENTION IS NOTED FOR

24 THE RECORD. FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF

25 GOVERNMENTS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS STATED THAT HE HAS A



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1 PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST BECAUSE HE WOULD BE RECEIVING A
2 STIPEND FOR SERVING ON THIS BODY, AND THEREFORE WILL BE
3 ABSTAINING FROM VOTING ON THIS APPOINTMENT. HIS ABSTENTION IS
4 NOTED FOR THE RECORD. THAT ITEM WILL BE BEFORE YOU WITH THE
5 OTHER ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 4, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
6 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 7, THERE'S A REQUEST
7 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEMS NO. 9
8 AND 10, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
9 HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 11, AS INDICATED ON THE
10 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ARTS
11 COMMISSION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
12 DECEMBER 17TH. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU. AGAIN, NOTING ON ITEM NO. 3
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL BE
15 ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO NOTED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
18 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND ON ITEM NO. 3, IF WE COULD
22 TAKE THAT UP AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE
23 VOTE.



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR
2 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 7, CONSENT
5 CALENDAR, ITEMS 12 THROUGH 59. ON ITEM NO. 12, THERE'S A
6 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
7 NO. 14, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL BE VOTING NO ON THE
8 FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THIS. IT'S SECTION 4.13, DENTAL HEALTH
9 COVERAGE, NO. 1 AND 2; SECTION 12.1, ENERGY, NO. 16; SECTION
10 2.5, ITEM 4 RELATING TO SUPPORTIVE LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS
11 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS TO IMPLEMENT STORM WATER FEES; ALL OF
12 SECTION 4.11 RELATING TO THE HEALTHCARE REFORM IMPLEMENTATION.
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL VOTE NO ON THE
14 FOLLOWING SECTIONS: SECTION 5 AS IT RELATES TO TWO-THIRDS VOTE
15 REQUIREMENT TO INCREASE REVENUE AND ON SECTION 11 ITEM NO. 9
16 RELATING TO THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT TO REMOVE THE TWO-THIRDS
17 REQUIREMENT TO ENACT COUNTYWIDE SALE OR GAS TAX. ON THIS ITEM
18 SUPERVISOR KNABE IS ALSO HOLDING IT. ON ITEM NO. 15, THERE'S A
19 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
20 NO. 16, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
21 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 19, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
23 NO. 20, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
24 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 21, THERE'S A
25 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM



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1 NO. 22, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. AND
2 ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
3 HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 25, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
4 AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
5 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 10, 2013. ON ITEM NO. 26,
6 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
7 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 29, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
8 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 32, THE DIRECTOR OF
9 PARKS AND RECREATION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
10 WEEK TO DECEMBER 10, 2013. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST
11 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 33,
12 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
13 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 38, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
14 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

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18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 38. ON ITEM NO. 43, AS INDICATED
19 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS
20 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 10, 2013. ON
21 ITEM NO. 44, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
22 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEMS NO. 45 AND 46, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
23 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. AND ON ITEM NO.
24 48, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD



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1 THESE ITEMS. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR
2 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS. CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
6 ORDERED.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 38, DISCUSSION
9 ITEMS, ITEM 60 THROUGH 66, ON ITEM NO. 60, AS INDICATED ON THE
10 POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT
11 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 10, 2013. AND ON
12 THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
13 HOLD IT. I'M SORRY? ITEM NO. 60? 6-0. ON ITEM NO. 61, WE WILL
14 HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM NO. 62, AS INDICATED ON
15 THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
16 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 14, 2014, AND ON THIS ITEM,
17 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON
18 ITEM NO. 63, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL
19 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BEING CONTINUED TO JANUARY 14, 2014.
20 ON ITEM NO. 64, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, COUNTY
21 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 14,
22 2014. ON ITEM NO. 65, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. ON
23 PAGE 39, PUBLIC HEARING, WE WILL HOLD FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. ON
24 PAGE 40, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
25 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS



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1 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON 67-A, THERE'S A
2 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE
3 43, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM NO. CS-1, AS INDICATED
4 ON THE POSTED AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
5 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 10, 2013. AND THAT COMPLETES
6 THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
7 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. BEFORE WE GO TO PRESENTATIONS,
10 JUST A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AS IT RELATES TO THE AGENDA. ANY
11 ITEM THAT HAS BEEN CONTINUED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR BY
12 DEPARTMENT HEAD WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING PUBLIC TESTIMONY
13 TODAY. IT WILL BE AT THE CONTINUANCE DATE. SO I JUST WANT TO
14 LET ANYONE HERE THAT MAY BE HERE FOR AN ITEM THAT WILL BE
15 COMING BACK IN A WEEK OR TWO TO LET THEM KNOW THAT WE WILL NOT
16 BE DOING PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THOSE ITEMS. OKAY. SUPERVISOR
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I DON'T HAVE ANY
20 ADJOURNING MOTIONS AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT, BUT I DO WANT TO
21 CALL-- I AM HOLDING ITEM 19 AND WANT TO COMMENT ON 65, WOULD
22 NOW BE APPROPRIATE TIME?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'VE GOT PRESENTATIONS FIRST. I CALLED
25 ON YOU FOR PRESENTATIONS. DO YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO NOT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. MR. CHAIRMAN, IF
5 I CAN INVITE MY GUESTS UP HERE ON GIVING TUESDAY SHAWN LANDRIS
6 AND I THINK HE'S JOINED BY JOSHUA AVADON, TARA ROTH AND NADIA
7 ROMANI AND NANCY HARRIS. OKAY, I DIDN'T HAVE THAT. MR.
8 CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GIVING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD,
9 TODAY, 2013, IS THE FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING,
10 ESTABLISHED TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR IMPORTANT CAUSES
11 EVERYWHERE. A POSITIVE CONSTRUCTIVE NEW WAY TO HELP OBSERVE
12 THE SEASONAL HOLIDAYS. NEW YORK'S 92ND STREET "Y" IS ITS
13 CATALYST AND INCUBATOR, PROVIDING A HOME OF BRINGING THE
14 EXPERTISE OF 139 YEARS OF COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT TO THIS
15 PROJECT. TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL GLOBAL EVENT IT IS JOINED BY
16 THE UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION. GIVING TUESDAY WILL BE THE
17 STORY TOLD BY CREATIVE AND MOTIVATED PARTICIPANTS OF THOUSANDS
18 OF ORGANIZATIONS COMING TOGETHER AROUND PHILANTHROPY,
19 VOLUNTEERISM, ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION TO CELEBRATE AND PROMOTE
20 THE ACT OF CHARITABLE GIVING. IT IS A WAY FOR OUR FAMILIES,
21 COMMUNITY, COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO SPREAD THE IDEA OF
22 GIVING TOGETHER IN A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF OUR GREAT
23 TRADITION OF GENEROSITY. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY WANTS TO HEREBY RECOGNIZE DECEMBER 3, 2013 AS
25 THE FIRST GIVING TUESDAY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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1 INAUGURATING A NEW TRADITION OF ENGAGING IN AND PROMOTING
2 PHILANTHROPY AND CHARITABLE GIVING AS A FORCE FOR UNITY AND
3 POSITIVITY IN OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY. I'M HONORED TO HAVE SHAWN
4 LANDRIS HERE, WHO IS ALSO COFOUNDER OF JUMP START AND IS ONE
5 OF MY APPOINTEES TO THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION
6 AND HIS COLLEAGUES WHO ARE HERE WITH HIM. I'D LIKE TO PRESENT
7 THIS, SHAWN, TO YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND BEING
8 HONORED BY US AND WE WISH YOU WELL. THIS HAS GOTTEN A LOT OF
9 ATTENTION ALREADY ACROSS THE COUNTRY THIS MORNING ON NATIONAL
10 MORNING TALK SHOWS. AND I'M SURE IT'S GOING TO HAVE A BIG
11 IMPACT ON CHARITABLE GIVING. AND IN A SENSE, WE'RE ALL IN THE
12 SAME BUSINESS OF TRYING TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE MARGINALIZED IN
13 OUR SOCIETY AND THE RESOURCES THAT YOU RAISE AS A RESULT OF
14 THIS WILL HELP THEM. SO WE CONSIDER YOU A PARTNER IN WHAT WE
15 DO. THANK YOU, SHAWN. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **SHAWN LANDRIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THANK YOU,
18 MR. CHAIRMAN. AND THANKS, AS WELL, TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS, WHO'S ALSO RECOGNIZED TODAY. AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
20 MENTIONED, MY NAME IS SHAWN LANDRIS, I'M THE COFOUNDER OF JUMP
21 START AND PRIVILEGED TO SERVE WITH NANCY HARRIS, AS WELL, ON
22 THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. WITH ME IS JOSHUA
23 AVEDON, JUMP START'S COFOUNDER AND NADIA ROMANI, WHO IS THE
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MUSLIM GIVING PROJECT. THE FIVE
25 SUPERVISORS IN THIS ROOM ALONG WITH THE REST OF US WHO ARE



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1 HERE I AM CERTAIN ARE AMONG THE NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF AMERICANS
2 WHO GIVE TO CHARITY ACCORDING TO JUMP START'S RECENT CONNECTED
3 TO GIVE RESEARCH. TODAY IS THE FIRST EVER GLOBAL GIVING
4 TUESDAY WHICH TAKES A MOMENT AT THE START OF THE HOLIDAY
5 SEASON TO CELEBRATE AND ENCOURAGE CHARITABLE GIVING. WE'RE
6 HONORED AND ENERGIZED BY YOUR RECOGNITION TODAY.

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8 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF OUR COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS AND ALLIES
9 AROUND THE COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD, WE THANK YOU. HERE IN
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THERE ARE NEARLY 20,000 NONPROFITS
11 AMOUNTING TO A NEARLY 40 BILLION IN ECONOMY AND EMPLOYING
12 ABOUT 6 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S WORKFORCE. GIVING TUESDAY IS A
13 POWERFUL REMINDER OF CHARITABLE GIVING, THE IMPORTANCE OF
14 CHARITABLE GIVING. YOUR RECOGNITION TODAY GIVES AN IMPORTANT
15 BOOST TO THE EFFORTS OF THOSE OF US WHO SEEK TO ENSURE THAT
16 THESE NONPROFITS HAVE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO WORK SMARTER AND
17 MORE EFFECTIVELY.

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19 **SPEAKER:** ACCORDING TO RECENT RESEARCH, NEARLY THREE QUARTERS
20 OF AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD'S CHARITABLE DOLLARS GO TO AND THROUGH
21 ORGANIZATIONS WITH RELIGIOUS CONNECTIONS WHETHER CONGREGATIONS
22 OR RELIGIOUSLY IDENTIFIED NONPROFITS. A MAJORITY OF AMERICAN
23 DONORS CITE RELIGIOUS COMMITMENT AS IMPORTANT MOTIVATIONS FOR
24 THEIR GIVING. LATER TODAY THE FAITH PLUS GIVING TUESDAY PLUS
25 SOCIAL GOOD SUMMIT, WE WILL EXPLORE THESE IN GREATER DETAIL.



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1 WE ARE PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO CONVEY YOUR RECOGNITION AND
2 SUPPORT FOR THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT FAITH COMMUNITIES PLAY IN
3 ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD THROUGH PHILANTHROPY. AGAIN THANK
4 YOU FOR THIS HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS BOARD AS IN
7 PREVIOUS YEARS AND MANY YEARS BEFORE HAS ALWAYS CELEBRATED
8 NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY. WE HAVE WITH US TODAY
9 MR. WALTER FIRST, A WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND A PEARL HARBOR
10 SURVIVOR AS WELL AS STEPHANIE STONE OUR CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR
11 OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. ON
12 DECEMBER 7, 1941, MORE THAN 2400 AMERICANS WERE KILLED AND
13 ANOTHER 1100 WOUNDED DURING THE ATTACK THAT MARKED THE
14 BEGINNING OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN WORLD WAR II. IN
15 OBSERVANCE OF THIS 72ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE "DAY WHICH WILL
16 LIVE IN INFAMY," WE REMEMBER AND PAY HOMAGE TO THOSE WHO
17 PERISHED AND RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LIKE MR. FIRST WHO ARE STILL
18 WITH US TODAY. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE
19 BOARD AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY, WE'RE
20 GOING TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO MR. FIRST RECOGNIZING DECEMBER
21 7, 2013 AS NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY THROUGHOUT
22 THE COUNTY AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN
23 APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES HONORING AMERICANS LIKE
24 MR. FIRST WHO SERVED AT PEARL HARBOR. CONGRATULATIONS.



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1 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU, SIR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR
2 COUNTRY. GOD BLESS YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, TODAY WE'RE GOING TO
5 RECOGNIZE AN OUTSTANDING HERO IN OUR COUNTY. ALBERTO LOPEZ FOR
6 HIS HEROIC ACTIONS WHICH RESCUED A FELLOW CITIZEN WHO HAD BEEN
7 TRAPPED IN A BURNING AUTOMOBILE. THIS OCCURRED BACK IN AUGUST
8 2013 WHEN THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A
9 SINGLE-VEHICLE FIRE ON 50TH STREET EAST AND EAST AVENUE "L" IN
10 LANCASTER. THEY ARRIVED WHERE THEY'VE HAD A FULLY-ENGULFED
11 HONDA ACCORD THAT HAD STRUCK A TREE AT HIGH SPEED RENDERING
12 THE DRIVER UNCONSCIOUS. THE FIREFIGHTERS FOUND THE MALE VICTIM
13 OUTSIDE THE VEHICLE WITH CRITICAL INJURIES. CAPTAIN KIRK
14 NELSON CREDITS THE SURVIVAL OF THAT DRIVER TO ALBERTO LOPEZ,
15 WHO HAD PULLED OVER, RAN TO PULL THE DRIVER OUT OF THE BURNING
16 CAR BEFORE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED. WE HONOR MR. LOPEZ
17 FOR BEING AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AND WE HAVE WITH US TODAY
18 CAPTAIN KIRK NELSON, THE ACTING FIRE CHIEF MIKE BENNETT WITH
19 MR. LOPEZ. WE HAVE HIS WIFE CORINA AND DAUGHTERS, YOSEMITE AND
20 NATALIE AND SON OSCAR AND HIS MOM ELIZABETH AND HIS FRIEND
21 MARLIN ABORDES. SO ALBERTO, THANK YOU FOR DOING WHAT WE REALLY
22 APPRECIATE YOU DOING AND SAVING THE LIFE OF A FELLOW CITIZEN
23 WHO HAD BEEN ENDANGERED. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **CAPT. KIRK NELSON:** MR. LOPEZ, JUST ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE
2 DEPARTMENT, WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU BEING THERE TO SAVE THE
3 LIFE OF ONE OF OUR FELLOW RESIDENTS. WE DO GET TO THE SCENE
4 QUICKLY, BUT THERE'S TIME THAT CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS NEED TO
5 TAKE ACTION EVEN BEFORE WE GET THERE AND YOU DID SAVE THAT
6 LIFE. AND WE GREATLY, GREATLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU VERY
7 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE ELTON. HE'S TWO YEARS OLD
10 AND ELTON IS A LITTLE TERRIER MIX. OH MY GOODNESS. LOOK AT
11 THAT FACE. HOW ARE YOU DOING? OKAY, OKAY, OKAY, OKAY ELTON.
12 THIS IS LITTLE ELTON. HE'S TWO YEARS OLD. LITTLE BOY. HERE,
13 LOOK IN THE CAMERA SO PEOPLE CAN SEE YOU SO YOU CAN GET A
14 HOME. THERE YOU GO. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE ELTON, YOU
15 CAN CALL 562-728-4610. LITTLE ELTON CAN FIT IN YOUR LITTLE
16 HANUKKAH BUSH OR YOUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
19 PRESENTATIONS? OKAY. WE WILL MOVE TO OUR PUBLIC COMMENT
20 PORTION ON THOSE HOLDING MULTIPLE ITEMS. FIRST OF ALL,
21 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. HOLDING 4, 15, 16, 21 AND 22. ERIC PREVEN
22 ON 4, 19, 12, 16, 20, 26, 29, 33, 38, 46 AND 67-A. AND MR.
23 SACHS ON S-1, 1-D, 7, 19, 45, 48 AND 67-A. GENEVIEVE?

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
2 TODAY WE HAVE MORE THAN 10 ITEMS HAVING TO DO WITH HEALTH,
3 BEING D.H.S., PUBLIC HEALTH OR MENTAL HEALTH. AND THREE
4 MINUTES IS DEFINITELY A JOKE TO GIVE A VERY WELL-DEFINED
5 PRESENTATION. I WILL START BY S-2, WHICH AGAIN IS BEING
6 POSTPONED AND, YOU KNOW, WE KNEW AT THE BEGINNING DATES THEY
7 HAVE GIVEN WERE UNREALISTIC. ON ITEMS 15, 16, 17, 21, 22 HAVE
8 ALL TO DO WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. AND YOU KNOW I HAVE
9 REQUESTED INFORMATION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR MANY, MANY
10 YEARS NOW. AND IT'S NEVER PROVIDED. AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE
11 ARE APPROVING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IS KIND OF A BIG
12 JOKE. ON CERNER, WITH ITEM 22 IS THAT WE ARE PAYING THEM \$359
13 MILLION FOR FIVE YEARS. AND I HAVE BEEN IN THIS PLACE WHERE I
14 AM TODAY TELLING YOU THAT CERNER IS ONE OF THE WORST
15 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE UNITED STATES HAVING TO DO WITH
16 HOSPITAL SOFTWARE. AND WHEN I SEE THOSE AMOUNTS, I CANNOT
17 BELIEVE IT. BUT OF COURSE THE TIME WE HAVE TO GIVE US TIME TO
18 REALLY GO IN DETAIL ON THAT ISSUE. AND ON 21 IS AN ITEM WHICH
19 IS KIND OF SURPRISING BECAUSE WE ARE GIVING A VERY SMALL
20 AMOUNT TO A COMPANY HAVING TO DO WITH TELEPHONE SYSTEM. AND
21 YOU KNOW THE COUNTY HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM FOR THE HOSPITAL IN
22 PARTICULAR WITH THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM. AND WE ARE HAVING A FIRM
23 FROM SAN FRANCISCO, AND ACTUALLY THAT IS SMALL AMOUNT, SO I AM
24 VERY SURPRISED. ON ITEM 60, WHICH IS ALSO POSTPONED, AND WE'RE
25 TALKING AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, THAT IS ONE OF THE MOST



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1 SIGNIFICANT ITEMS ON THIS, ON TODAY'S AGENDA TO BE PREPARED.
2 AND TO HAVE THE A.C.A. REPORT BE GIVEN IN JANUARY WHEN WE ARE
3 ALREADY SUPPOSED TO HAVE REGISTERED INDIVIDUALS TO THAT HEALTH
4 CARE SYSTEM IS KIND OF ABSURD. SO I WILL BE GLAD THAT IT
5 SHOULD HAVE BEEN PRESENTED AND IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A REPORT.
6 THERE IS NO REPORT WHATSOEVER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. GOOD MORNING. IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY
11 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND MAZEL TOV ON THE SHIFTING AROUND
12 AMONG OF THE SUPERVISORS. AND I THINK THE POLLING IS LOOKING
13 GOOD FOR MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS' SON IN DISTRICT 54 SO WE'LL KEEP
14 OUR FINGERS CROSSED. I WAS JUST TALKING WITH RICHARD BRUCKNER
15 ABOUT THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THAT 62, 63 AND 64 ARE THE
16 MUCH INTERESTED-- THE ONES THAT WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN
17 REGARDING COUNTY RISK AND LITIGATION AND UNFORTUNATELY THEY
18 ARE BEING DELAYED UNTIL JANUARY 14TH. IT'S ALSO WORTH NOTING
19 THAT TWO SUPERVISORIAL MEETINGS ARE BEING COLLAPSED FOR THE
20 HOLIDAYS WHICH IS GOING TO BE AN EXTREMELY LONG TIME WITHOUT A
21 MEETING. I'M CONCERNED IF WE COULD MAYBE GET SOME PROVISION TO
22 MAKE ROOM ON THE TWO MEETINGS THAT WILL PRECEDE AND FOLLOW TO
23 MAKE REASONABLE COMMENTS BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO OVERLOAD
24 THINGS DRAMATICALLY. ITEM NO. 32 HAS BEEN CONTINUED
25 APPROPRIATELY. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A 22-YEAR LEASE



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1 EXTENSION-- IT'S ACTUALLY AWARD TO AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION
2 OF GLENDALE, WHICH IS A SUBSIDIARY OF THE BIG ONE. AND THIS
3 NEEDS TO BE SCRUTINIZED CAREFULLY. THEY WON AMONG SEVEN
4 PROPOSALS, BUT THOSE WHO ASKED TO SEE HOW THE PROPOSALS WORKED
5 OUT AND THE SCORING SHEETS WERE TOLD, "ONLY AFTER THE DEAL IS
6 DONE." AND THE DEAL HAS A UNIQUE PROVISION THAT KRATTLI AND
7 THE TEAM AT COUNTY COUNSEL CLEARLY APPROVED, WHICH I THINK IS
8 A BIG RED FLAG, WHICH SAYS EFFECTIVELY THIS CONTRACT, LIKE
9 MOST COUNTY CONTRACTS, WILL NOT BE OPEN TO TERMINATION FOR
10 CONVENIENCE, WHICH OF COURSE IS A GREAT PLUS FOR THE TEAM AT
11 AMERICAN GOLF BECAUSE THEN THEY CAN COMPLY AND CAN KEEP IT FOR
12 22 YEARS, FRANKLY. I'VE ALSO SPOKEN WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF
13 ENGINEERS WHO APPARENTLY HAVE SOME RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
14 COUNTY ON THIS LAND. ITEM NO. 33 WILL RAISE AN ISSUE THAT I
15 THINK WE HAVE ALL BEEN TALKING ABOUT WHICH IS JOB ORDER
16 CONTRACTING. THIS IS PARKS AND REC WITH TWO 4.3 MILLION
17 J.O.C.S AND THOSE HAVE REALLY CAPTURED MY FASCINATION, BECAUSE
18 WE'RE SEEING THAT THE COMPOSITE BIDS BOTH IN PUBLIC WORKS AND
19 OTHER DIVISIONS THAT USE JOB ORDER CONTRACTS ARE DROPPING
20 BELOW 50 CENTS. THAT IS A HUGE RED FLAG, AS I HAVE SAID
21 BEFORE. AND I SPOKE WITH JACOB WILLIAMS AT PUBLIC WORKS WHO
22 AGREED IT WAS WORTH CAREFUL SCRUTINY. AND I THINK THE BEST
23 THING GOING FORWARD WOULD BE THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE A
24 REAL DEPARTMENT-BY-DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS OF THESE COMPOSITE
25 FACTORS FOR J.O.C.S IN OUR COUNTY GROUPS, BECAUSE 72 PERCENT



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1 OR 1.95 PERCENT OF THESE BIG AGREEMENTS OUT OF STATE IS A
2 MISTAKE. THEY ALSO-- THERE'S BEEN QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT
3 WHETHER OR NOT LABOR COMPLIANCE HAS BEEN 100 PERCENT FOLLOWED
4 IN THESE J.O.C.S AND I JUST THINK THAT IT'S REALLY WORTH THIS
5 BODY TAKING A LEADING ROLE THERE. I KNOW YOU'VE ALL PEEKED UP
6 TO THE EDGE OF IT AND WONDERED, "HOW IN THE WORLD THIS IS IN
7 OUR INTEREST?" ITEM 67-A, I THINK IT WOULD BE REMISS OF ME NOT
8 TO MENTION IS THE APPOINTMENT, THE CANNY AND SAVVY APPOINTMENT
9 OF THE LEAD PUBLIC CORRUPTION FIGHTER AT THE DISTRICT
10 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. WE'RE BRINGING HIM IN-HOUSE TO REPORT TO
11 THE SUPERVISORS ON, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SHERIFF BACA'S LONG-
12 STANDING PROBLEMS REGARDING OVERSIGHT IN OUR COUNTY JAILS. YOU
13 KNOW, I THINK IT'S VERY SAVVY. I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA. I
14 THINK MIGRATING IN A SERIES OF D.A.S WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE
15 PROSECUTING THE ASSESSOR AND OTHERS IS A GREAT STRATEGY. BUT
16 MAY I FINISH, SIR?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SACHS?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND S-1 I
21 BELIEVE WAS A SET ITEM. WOULD YOU CLARIFY THE SET ITEMS WILL
22 NOW BE PART OF OUR PUBLIC COMMENT INPUT OR WILL THEY BE
23 SEPARATE AS PART OF THE AGENDAS AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN?
24 DON'T KNOW. ANYWAY, WHAT A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. YOU
25 MENTIONED IT'S THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION WITH THE VOICE



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1 THE LOUDEST EXCEPT FROM PUBLIC COMMENT. WHAT A DISTINCT CHANGE
2 WAS FROM THE LAST TIME YOU WERE THE LEADER. WE HAD THE
3 OPPORTUNITY AS PEOPLE COMING UP FROM THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS
4 ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE LAND. THREE
5 MINUTES ON AN AGENDA WITH 67 ITEMS, WHICH IS ABOUT AVERAGE FOR
6 THE AGENDAS HERE. THAT'S SURELY HELPING WITH THE PUBLIC INPUT.
7 YOU MENTIONED PURCHASE ON AMAZON. BY THE WAY, DOES THAT
8 INCLUDE THE SALES TAX? YOU KNOW CALIFORNIA WANTS TO COLLECT
9 SALES TAX. YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, 20 YEARS HERE, 40 YEARS HERE,
10 60 YEARS, 80 YEARS, WE HAVE A BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE FINALLY ON
11 CHILDREN DYING AT D.C.F.S. HOW MANY RECOMMENDATIONS WAS THAT,
12 870? THE JAIL HOUSE VIOLENCE, HOW MUCH IN FISCAL
13 RESPONSIBILITY, MS. MOLINA, WERE WE PAYING OUT FOR THE COUNTY?
14 50 MILLION? 70 MILLION? HOW MANY? WHEN DO WE HIT 100 MILLION?
15 IT'S RIDICULOUS THAT WE HAVE SUCH DIFFERENCE OF OPINIONS. AND
16 I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT LAST YEAR IN JANUARY 10, 2012,
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AT LEAST HAD THE COURTESY TO AGENDIZE
18 THE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA. NOW WE HAVE THE AGENDA CHANGED BY
19 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. NO AGENDIZED MOMENT. THREE MINUTES
20 PER MEETING. WHEN DID THAT TAKE PLACE, BY THE WAY, IN THIS
21 OPEN AND TRANSPARENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS?
22 WHAT DATE DID THAT HAPPEN? HOW WAS THAT CARRIED? I REMEMBER
23 THE ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN HE FIRST TOOK OFFICE: THREE MINUTES FOR
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. TWO TO THREE MINUTES ON THE AGENDA. I DON'T
25 THINK WE EVER HAD SIX MINUTES IN ANY ONE MEETING IN 40



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1 MEETINGS THAT WE HAD HERE. BUT THAT'S OKAY. THAT'S JUST THE
2 COUNTY'S BOARD WAY OF INTERPRETATING WHERE THE BUCK STOPS. I
3 THINK IT'S MORE LIKE WHERE THE BUCK GETS POCKETED BUT THAT'S
4 JUST MY PERSONAL OPINION. THAT BEING SAID, THERE WAS A STORY
5 IN THE NEWS--

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN THE FUTURE, IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT
8 PUBLIC COMMENT, YOUR TIME'S GOING. YOU'RE THE ONE THAT RAISED
9 THE ISSUE.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** LET ME FINISH WHAT I'M SAYING.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M JUST SAYING, IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO
14 THE ISSUES YOU HELD, FINE. PUBLIC COMMENT IS AT THE END.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M SPEAKING S-1 WAS AN ITEM YOU CALLED ME UP
17 ON. THAT'S WHAT I WAS SPEAKING ON, SIR. BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE
18 CHANGES THAT WERE MADE. AND THAT WAS PART OF THE DISCUSSION
19 THAT YOU HAD WITH THE OTHER SUPERVISORS WHILE YOU WERE BACK
20 SLAPPING EACH OTHER. OKAY? THANK YOU. HIRING PROCESS. THERE
21 WAS A STORY ABOUT THE MISCONDUCT REGARDING THE SHERIFFS IN THE
22 L.A. TIMES ON DECEMBER 1ST. AND PART OF THE STORY, THERE WAS A
23 PART WHERE SOMEBODY FOR ONE OF THE REVIEWERS MENTIONED THAT
24 THE HIRING PROCESS FOR THE SHERIFFS IS-- OR FOR THE L.A.
25 COUNTY POLICE IS NOT ON THE UP AND UP. BUT THE UNIONS WANTED



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1 TO CONTINUE WITH THAT. SO WHO NEGOTIATES WITH THE UNIONS TO
2 ALLOW THEM TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** FOR THE INPUT ON THEIR HIRING. THAT WOULD BE THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? ON THE ITEMS
10 THAT WERE BEING HELD BEFORE US?

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
13 YOU. ITEM NO. 1-D, 4, 7, 9, 12, 15, 16, 21. ON 22, SUPERVISOR
14 ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THIS ITEM. 26, 29, 33, 38, 45, 46
15 AND 48, THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
18 MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
19 SO ORDERED.

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** EXCEPT FOR ON ITEM NO. 22,
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT NOTICE.

25



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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID YOU
4 HAVE AN ITEM YOU WANT TO CALL?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. ITEM 19 AND ITEM
7 65 IS A DISCUSSION ITEM. ON ITEM 19, IF I COULD ASK THAT THE--
8 THAT MR. BROWNING, THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
9 FAMILY SERVICES, IF HE WOULD JUST COME FORWARD, I WANT TO ASK
10 HIM A FEW QUESTIONS ON THIS MATTER. MR. BROWNING HAS INDICATED
11 TO YOU EARLIER ONLY THE MATTER OF CONTRACT EXTENSIONS, IF YOU
12 COULD JUST ANSWER THE FOLLOWING AND PERHAPS A BIT OF A
13 PREAMBLE WOULD BE USEFUL IN TERMS OF WHAT SPECIFICALLY THIS IS
14 FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S EDIFICATION, THEN I HAVE A FEW
15 QUESTIONS THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU.

16

17 **PHILIP BROWNING:** OKAY. ROUTINELY THE COUNTY D.C.F.S. CAN'T DO
18 EVERYTHING ITSELF, SO WE CONTRACT WITH A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT
19 COMMUNITY PROVIDERS TO HELP ASSIST IN WHAT'S NEEDED FOR THE
20 CHILDREN OF THIS COUNTY. SO A NUMBER OF YEARS, CONTRACTS WITH
21 MANY, MANY COUNTY PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, REALLY. SO
22 WHAT'S BEFORE YOU TODAY, THERE'S A REQUEST TO EXTEND FROM
23 JANUARY 2014 THROUGH JUNE 2014 A NUMBER OF PROVIDERS FOR ABOUT
24 \$45 MILLION. THESE PROVIDERS HAVE BEEN PERFORMING THIS SERVICE
25 IN A MANNER OF WAYS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS STARTING BACK IN



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1 2005. MUCH OF THE MONEY COMES FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL
2 GOVERNMENT AND THEIR CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHICH WE MUST
3 COMPLY WITH. NORMALLY THE STATE ALLOWS US A THREE-MONTH--
4 EXCUSE ME-- A THREE-YEAR PERIOD FOR A CONTRACT. THE
5 REQUIREMENTS FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT REALLY REQUIRE A
6 COMPETITIVE BID. AND SO OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN
7 WORKING ON A NEW SOLICITATION FOR THESE PROVIDERS. THE
8 PROVIDERS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY INCLUDE FAMILY
9 PRESERVATION, ADOPTION PROMOTION SERVICES, CHILD ABUSE
10 PREVENTION INITIATIVES, A NUMBER OF PROVIDERS. I THINK THERE
11 ARE ABOUT 39 PROVIDERS THAT ARE ACTUALLY INCLUDED IN THIS
12 BOARD LETTER TODAY.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GENERICALLY DEFINED AS SAFE AND STABLE
15 FAMILIES AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, IS THAT THE OVERALL
16 CATEGORY DESIGNATED BY THE STATE?

17

18 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THAT'S THE TERM WE'VE COINED HERE TO
19 REALLY RECOGNIZE THE VALUE THAT THESE PROVIDERS BRING TO THE
20 COUNTY AND TO PARTICULARLY THE CHILDREN THAT ARE BEING SERVED.
21 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF-- EACH ONE OF THESE PROGRAMS HAVE A
22 DIFFERENT FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY FUNDING MATCH.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE FIRST OF THE SERIES OF QUESTIONS THAT
25 I WANTED TO ASK IN TERMS OF THIS BEING A CONTRACT EXTENSION,



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1 HOW MANY CONTRACT EXTENSIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO D.C.F.S., MR.
2 BROWNING?

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK WE'VE HAD FIVE EXTENSIONS THAT HAVE
5 BEEN PROVIDED BY THE STATE. WHAT THE PROCESS CONSISTS OF IS
6 THAT WE HAVE TO ASK THE STATE FOR AN EXTENSION. NORMALLY THERE
7 IS A THREE-YEAR PROVISION WHICH IS ALLOWED FOR A CONTRACT TO
8 REMAIN IN FORCE. IF WE WANT TO EXTEND IT, WE HAVE TO GET
9 PERMISSION FROM THE STATE. SO I THINK WE'VE HAD FIVE OF THOSE
10 EXTENSION REQUESTS GRANTED BY THE STATE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THE REASON D.C.F.S. IS SEEKING YET
13 ANOTHER EXTENSION?

14

15 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WE HAD THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD HAVE THIS DONE,
16 THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DONE EARLIER, BUT WHAT HAPPENED IS
17 IT WAS OF MORE COMPLEX THAN WE HAD THOUGHT. WE WERE TRYING TO
18 GET A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF SERVICES THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY
19 COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE COUNTY. AND IT TURNED
20 OUT TO BE OF MORE COMPLEX THAN WE THOUGHT. WE HAD COMMUNITY
21 MEETINGS. WE HAD FOCUS GROUPS. THE PROCESS, AS YOU WELL KNOW,
22 IN TERMS OF CONTRACTING IS A VERY LENGTHY PROCESS. SO IT TAKES
23 ABOUT TWO YEARS FROM START TO FINISH IN L.A. COUNTY FOR US TO
24 GO FROM STARTING A CONTRACT TO ACTUALLY AWARDING ONE. AND IT
25 TURNED OUT TO BE OF MORE COMPLEX THAN WE HAD THOUGHT. WE HAVE



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1 A HUGE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS.
2 WE'RE IN THE PROCESS NOW OF DETERMINING WHICH ONE OF THOSE ARE
3 GOING TO BE RECOMMENDED TO YOUR BOARD FOR AWARD. SO THE STATE
4 RECOGNIZED THAT COMPLEXITY AND GRANTED US AN ADDITIONAL SIX-
5 MONTH EXTENSION.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OTHERWISE, PARDON ME, GO AHEAD.

8

9 **PHILIP BROWNING:** SO THE STATE GRANTED US AN ADDITIONAL SIX
10 MONTHS. WE HAD INITIALLY THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD ALL BE
11 WRAPPED UP BY THE END OF THIS DECEMBER.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. AND THE CONSEQUENCES IF, IN FACT,
14 THERE IS NO EXTENSION, I WANT THAT TO BE EXPLICITLY STATED.

15

16 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IF THERE WERE NO EXTENSION GRANTED BY THE
17 STATE, THEN WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE ANY CONTRACTS OR
18 ANY FUNDING AND OUR CLIENTS WOULDN'T RECEIVE THE SERVICES. SO
19 IT'S REALLY CRITICAL FOR US TO GET AN EXTENSION FROM THE
20 STATE. WE REALLY WORKED PRETTY HARD TO GET AN EXTENSION. THEY
21 THOUGHT THAT WE'D HAD SO MANY IN THE PAST THAT WE SHOULD HAVE
22 NOT HAD THE NEED TO ASK FOR ANOTHER ONE, BUT THEY DID
23 RECOGNIZE THE COMPLEXITY AND DID GIVE US THIS ADDITIONAL
24 EXTENSION.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. AND IF THE NEW CONTRACTS ARE
2 NOT IN PLACE BY JULY OF 2014, WHAT ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE
3 TO D.C.F.S. AND/OR TO THIS BOARD?

4

5 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THE STATE WOULD NOT BE AT ALL HAPPY
6 WITH US NOT MEETING THIS NEW DEADLINE. THEY'VE SAID-- AND I'VE
7 TALKED WITH THE DIRECTOR PERSONALLY ABOUT THE NEED FOR THIS
8 EXTENSION. AND I THINK THEY BELIEVE THAT WE'VE COME THIS FAR
9 AND SO THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A PROCESS THAT MEETS THE COUNTY
10 REQUIREMENTS. I DO BELIEVE THAT THE NEW CONTRACTING PROCESS,
11 WHICH WAS A VERY RIGOROUS PROCESS, WE GOT HELP FROM I.S.D. AND
12 OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD THE CONTRACTING
13 PROCESS DOWN. WE USED INFORMED AVERAGING. WE HAD 115
14 EVALUATORS EVALUATE THE CONTRACTS. SO I'M PRETTY COMFORTABLE
15 THAT THE NEW PROPOSALS THAT WE HAVE JUST REVIEWED WILL MEET
16 THE STATE, COUNTY AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND AS BEST AS YOU CAN DETERMINE, THERE
19 ARE NO OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF EXTENDING THE
20 CONTRACTS BECAUSE SERVICES WOULD BE CURTAILED.

21

22 **PHILIP BROWNING:** SERVICES WOULD STOP AT THE END OF THIS MONTH
23 IF WE DO NOT EXTEND THIS CONTRACT.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.



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2 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IF WE DON'T GET THIS CONTRACT APPROVAL, THEN
3 THOSE SERVICES WOULD STOP AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CLEAR. MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE
6 THAT ALL THOSE POINTS WERE CLARIFIED. AND MR. BROWNING, THANK
7 YOU FOR RESPONDING TO THEM.

8

9 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THANK YOU, SIR.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WITH THAT, ARE THERE ANY OTHER
12 QUESTIONS OF MR. BROWNING? ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IF NOT THE
13 ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE
14 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO WILL BE THE ORDER.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE
17 SECOND MATTER IS ITEM NO. 65, A FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD ISSUE.
18 THIS WAS A MATTER ON CAMP KIRKPATRICK [KILPATRICK]. I DON'T
19 KNOW THAT THERE'S A C.E.O. REPORT OR WHAT THE PUBLIC WORKS,
20 BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE
21 ISSUE OF LOCAL WORKER HIRE IS SUPPOSED TO COME BACK NEXT WEEK
22 IN TERMS OF VETERANS AND PROBATION RE-ENTRY YOUTHS. AND WE'LL
23 LOOK FORWARD TO A DISCUSSION OF THAT ITEM AT THAT TIME. THIS
24 ITEM DEALS WITH THE CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE, I THINK. CORRECT?

25



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. WE'RE GOING TO BE JOINED BY THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SHORTLY TO SPEAK TO THIS. I BELIEVE
3 THEY'RE IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM.

4

5 **JIM KEARNS:** GOOD MORNING. JIM KEARNS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT
6 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE'RE READY TO GO. I'LL MOVE. IS
9 THIS A RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM AT THIS POINT?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S ESSENTIALLY TO CLARIFY WHAT OUR
12 INSTRUCTIONS WERE LAST WEEK. AND I DON'T KNOW IF MR. KEARNES
13 HAS SUCH INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH US SO THAT WE'RE ALL ON THE
14 SAME PAGE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE WAS A MEMORANDUM. WE HAD ASKED HIM
17 LAST WEEK TO PUT IT IN WRITING. YOU HAD ASKED THEM. YOU DID
18 THAT. WE RECEIVED IT.

19

20 **JIM KEARNS:** TO MEMORIALIZE THE ACTIONS IN THE SCHEDULE, WHICH
21 WE'VE SUBMITTED. AND SINCE THEN WE HAVE ALSO EXECUTED THE
22 CONTRACTS TO SUPPLEMENT THE SCOPING DOCUMENTS AND THE P.M.C.M.
23 CONTRACT THAT WAS AUTHORIZED.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WE CAPTURED HOW MANY MONTHS WITH THIS
2 METHOD I THINK IS WORTH UNDERSCORING THAT POINT. HOW MUCH
3 FURTHER AHEAD WILL WE BE AS A RESULT OF THIS BOARD ACTION?

4

5 **JIM KEARNS:** WE'RE PROJECTING 15 MONTHS. AND WE'VE HAD
6 DISCUSSIONS ALSO IN THE LAST FEW DAYS AND ARE CONTINUING WITH
7 THE STATE AND THEY'RE CONFIRMING THEIR ABILITY TO TRY AND MEET
8 THOSE DATES AND PERHAPS EVEN SPEED THEM UP.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T THINK THAT'S A BAD
11 DAY'S WORK IF WE CAN SAVE 15 MONTHS IN GETTING THIS PROJECT
12 BUILT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT DO WE HAVE BEFORE US? IS IT A NOTE
15 AND FILE?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THIS IS JUST A NOTE AND FILE. WE WERE ASKED TO
18 BASICALLY DOCUMENT THE CHANGES THAT WERE STATED LAST WEEK.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD MOVE WE NOTE AND FILE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** APPRECIATE THE WORK.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WE DO HAVE
2 ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. MR. PREVEN?

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
5 DISTRICT 3. I TOOK GREAT INTEREST A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WHEN THIS
6 ITEM CAME BEFORE US BECAUSE OF THE SPECTACULAR NUMBERS
7 ASSOCIATED WITH REDOING 120 BEDS AT A PROBATION CAMP AND
8 OBVIOUSLY THIS BOARD REACHED DEEP INTO THE ISSUE ABOUT THE
9 TIMELINE WHICH WAS COMPLETELY OUTRAGEOUS IS THE BEST WAY TO
10 PUT IT. AND SO IT'S BEEN REDUCED BY OVER 15 MONTHS, WHICH IS
11 FANTASTIC NEWS, FIRST OF ALL. AND DESIGN-BUILD IS ONE OF THE
12 MANY FORMS OF CONTRACTING THAT WE ENGAGE IN DOWN HERE AT L.A.
13 COUNTY AND IT HAS AN APPLICATION THAT'S EFFECTIVE. THERE'S
14 ALSO JOB ORDER CONTRACTING. AND I KNOW THAT THERE WAS SOME JOB
15 ORDER CONTRACTING INVOLVED IN THE KILPATRICK PROGRAM. IT IS NO
16 LONGER VISIBLE FOR ME IN THE DOCUMENTATION WHICH IS ONE OF MY
17 CONCERNS WITH THIS JOB ORDER CONTRACTING. I BELIEVE IT WAS
18 EARMARKED TO BE A PART OF THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLDER
19 FACILITY, WHICH WILL NOT START FOR ANOTHER YEAR,
20 FASCINATINGLY. SO I WILL REITERATE BECAUSE I THINK REPETITION
21 IS IMPORTANT IN THIS WORK THAT WE NEED TO GET A HOLD OF THESE
22 CONTRACTING DECISION MAKERS AND FIGURE OUT WHAT IS GOING ON
23 AND WHY SO MANY OF OUR WORKS AGREEMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION
24 CONTRACTS ARE MOVING INTO THE J.O.C. FORMAT. AND I THINK THAT
25 THE ANSWER IS THEY ARE SPECTACULARLY EFFICIENT. AND THAT



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1 EFFICIENCY COULD BE, TO QUOTE ONE OF THE GREAT SUPERVISORS,
2 "THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS." AND MOST OF THE DETAILS DON'T
3 COME FORWARD BECAUSE THIS BOARD SIMPLY APPROVES AT THE OUTSET
4 4.3 MILLION J.O.C., FOR SORT OF GENERAL WORK AND THEN ALL OF
5 THE MINUTIAE GETS WORKED OUT OUT OF VIEW. SO THE QUICK FIX FOR
6 THIS, BECAUSE DON'T THINK WE SHOULD RULE OUT USING THIS
7 SYSTEM. FIRST WE SHOULD BANISH GORDIAN GROUP WHO ARE TAKING 2
8 PERCENT OF THE MONEY TO SOUTH CAROLINA. WE DON'T NEED THAT.
9 BUT WE SHOULD ALSO REPORT ON A VERY THOROUGH-- LIKE ERIC
10 GARCETTI WOULD DO-- WEIGH MONTHLY AS TO WHAT J.O.C.S ARE BEING
11 ENGAGED IN AND HOW THEY'RE GOING AND SO TO AVOID WHAT I THINK
12 HAS HAPPENED INSIDE THOSE AGREEMENTS WHICH IS THEY PICK THREE
13 BIDDERS. NOBODY KNOW WHO THEY PICK. THEY PICK IT. IT'S DONE.
14 IT'S A SUBCONTRACT AND THEY TAKE 15 PERCENT. I KNOW THAT'S
15 CONFUSING FOR FOLKS WHO'VE NOT BEEN FOLLOWING, BUT I DO
16 BELIEVE--

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
19 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO RECEIVE
20 AND FILE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ANYTHING ELSE, MR.
21 RIDLEY-THOMAS? OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE ANY
22 ITEMS YOU WANT TO CALL UP OR YOU JUST WANT TO MOVE-- YOU HAVE
23 ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO. SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: OKAY, SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T THINK I'M HOLDING ANY
5 ITEMS. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
6 STELLA NADELMAN KRIEGER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT
7 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. SHE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES,
8 WAS A GRADUATE OF U.C.L.A. SHE AND HER HUSBAND DEVELOPED A
9 PASSION FOR COLLECTING AND BEGINNING IN THE EARLY 1970S, THEY
10 FORMED AN IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF ART AND OBJECTS FROM AROUND
11 THE WORLD. THEIR WORKS INCLUDED MEXICAN SILVER JEWELRY, BEADED
12 HANDBAGS AND RUGS AND TEXTILES FROM ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST,
13 GUATEMALA, MEXICO AND OTHER COUNTRIES. FROM 1994 THROUGH 2005,
14 STELLA WAS THE MUSEUM STORE MANAGER OF THE CRAFT AND FOLK ART
15 MUSEUM IN LOS ANGELES ON MIRACLE MILE. SINCE 2007, SHE MANAGED
16 THE MUSEUM STORE AT THE FOWLER MUSEUM OF U.C.L.A. WHERE SHE
17 WAS A CHERISHED MEMBER OF THE STAFF. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED
18 BY ALL THOSE WHO KNEW AND LOVED HER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
19 HUSBAND OF 53 YEARS, DR. FRED KRIEGER. THREE SONS, LAUREN,
20 SPENCER AND TERRY, A DAUGHTER ALISSA KRIEGER-DEWITT, AND NINE
21 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BERNARD
22 SCHWARTZ, WHO WAS THE FATHER OF MITCH SCHWARTZ, A LONGTIME
23 RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND ON
24 LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL POLITICS. IN ADDITION TO HIS SON



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1 MITCHELL, BERNARD IS SURVIVED BY THREE GRANDCHILDREN, MICHAEL,
2 SUZY AND ZACHARY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SO ORDERED. I HAVE AN
5 ADJOURNMENT. AND I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW MY HOLD ON 14 AND MOVE
6 APPROVAL WITH THE SUGGESTED CHANGES AND THE NO VOTES AS SUCH.
7 AND SO WITH THAT, I'LL MOVE ITEM 14. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
8 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. ON MY
9 ADJOURNMENTS, I ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANCISCO CAMACHO
10 MELENDEZ WHO PASSED AWAY TRAGICALLY ON NOVEMBER 30TH AT THE
11 AGE OF 35. PONCHO TRAGICALLY DROWNED OFF CABRILLO BEACH IN SAN
12 PEDRO AFTER HEROICALLY SAVING TWO PEOPLE AGES 49 AND 14 AFTER
13 THEY WERE SWEEPED OFF OF THE BREAK WALL. FRANCISCO WAS A COMPTON
14 RESIDENT AND ENJOYED FISHING OFF THE BREAKWATER DAILY. HE ALSO
15 KNEW THE DANGERS OF THE BREAK WALL AND WAS A GOOD SWIMMER. HE
16 WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND HIS HEROIC
17 SACRIFICE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR YEARS TO COME. SURVIVED BY
18 HIS WIFE OLGA, HIS SISTER-IN-LAW LAURA AND OTHER FAMILY
19 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. WHAT A TRAGEDY. AND I WOULD SAY TO THOSE
20 OF US WHO REPRESENT THE COASTLINE, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT
21 HIGHWAY WARNINGS AGAIN OUT THERE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS
22 INCLUDING TODAY. WHEN WE JUST ASK EVERYBODY TO BE CAREFUL. SO
23 OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH PONCHO'S FAMILY. SUPERVISOR
24 ANTONOVICH, ARE YOU HOLDING ANYTHING OR ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I
2 WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PASTOR PAUL
3 CROUCH WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79. ALONG WITH HIS WIFE
4 HE HAD FOUNDED THE TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK, WHICH IS THE
5 WORLD'S LARGEST CHRISTIAN TELEVISION SYSTEM. HE HAD BEEN BORN
6 IN MISSOURI. SON OF A MISSIONARY. HE BECAME INTERESTED IN
7 AMATEUR RADIO AND AT A YOUNG AGE DECLARED HIS INTENTION TO USE
8 THE TECHNOLOGY TO SEND THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD. HE EARNED
9 HIS DEGREE IN THEOLOGY IN MISSOURI WHERE HE BUILT HIS
10 EDUCATIONAL A.M. STATION. HE LATER BECAME A RADIO ANNOUNCER
11 AND MANAGER FOR A NUMBER OF STATIONS BEFORE HE FOUNDED T.B.N.
12 NETWORK IN 1974. HE ACCOMPLISHED HIS MISSION IN LIFE, WHICH
13 WAS TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL VIA SATELLITE TO ALL CORNERS OF THE
14 WORLD. TODAY IT'S VIEWED GLOBALLY ON 70 SATELLITES AND OVER
15 18,000 T.V. AND CABLE AFFILIATES. SO WE MOVE TO SEND
16 PROCLAMATIONS TO HIS WIFE JANICE AND HIS TWO CHILDREN, MATTHEW
17 AND PAUL, JR. ALSO PAUL WALKER, THE FAMOUS ACTOR, FOR HIS ROLE
18 IN THE "FAST AND FURIOUS" MOVIE SERIES PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
19 OF 40 FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT AFTER ATTENDING A CHARITY
20 EVENT IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HE WAS BORN IN GLENDALE AND
21 BEGAN HIS ACTING CAREER FROM A VERY EARLY AGE WORKING IN
22 COMMERCIALS AND TELEVISION ROLES AND FILMS. HE WAS A GRADUATE
23 OF VILLAGE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.
24 WENT ON TO BECOME KNOWN FOR HIS WORK IN THE FILM "VARSITY
25 BLUES" AS WELL AS THE "FAST AND FURIOUS" FILM SERIES. AN



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1 ACTIVE PHILANTHROPIST, PAUL JOINED THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF
2 THE BILLFISH FOUNDATION AND MARINE BIOLOGY CONSERVATION EFFORT
3 AND BEGAN HIS OWN ORGANIZATION, "REACH OUT WORLDWIDE," TO
4 ASSIST WITH NATURAL DISASTER RELIEFS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
5 DAUGHTER, MEADOW. ROGER RODAS, HE DIED IN THE SAME CAR
6 ACCIDENT WITH PAUL, AFTER ATTENDING THAT CHARITY EVENT AND HE
7 WAS A C.E.O. OF ALWAYS EVOLVING PERFORMANCE MOTORS AND AN
8 OWNER OF THE RECYCLING PLANT IN CENTRAL AMERICA. HE COMPETED
9 IN 10 PERILLO WORLD CHALLENGE G.T.S. SERIES RACES AND 25 HOURS
10 OF THUNDER HILL. HE WAS A BANK OF AMERICA-MERRILL LYNCH
11 FINANCIAL ADVISER FOR 20 YEARS, WAS NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP
12 FINANCIAL ADVISORS. ROGER IS SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED WIFE
13 KRISTINE AND THEIR TWO SONS. FRED MAURICE THOMAS, A VERY GOOD
14 FRIEND, ACTIVE LEADER IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, PASSED AWAY
15 AT THE AGE OF 84 ON NOVEMBER 18TH. HE WORKED IN MARKETING AND
16 TECHNICAL WRITING BOTH IN THE CORPORATE WORLD AND FOR HIS
17 BUSINESS, THE EAGLES GROUP. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
18 NAVY AS A NAVIGATOR IN THE PACIFIC DURING THE KOREAN WAR. HE
19 WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CHATSWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, VICE
20 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND THE RECIPIENT
21 OF THE FERNANDO AWARD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BONNIE, AND
22 HIS THREE SONS, FRED, GARY AND JOHN. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED TO
23 HIS COMMUNITY, TO HIS FAMILY AND HIS CHURCH. ERWIN JONES,
24 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF COVINA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE
25 FORMERLY WAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COVINA VALLEY UNIFIED



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1 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 19 YEARS. HE ALSO SERVED AS PRINCIPAL
2 PRIOR TO THAT AT THREE SCHOOLS AND DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY
3 SCHOOLS. HE WAS A STAFF MEMBER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE.
4 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. JOAN
5 ELDRED, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF GLENDORA. SHE TAUGHT AT PALO ALTO
6 KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL IN ARCADIA AND LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE
7 GLENKIRK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GLENDORA WHERE SHE WAS THE
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND QUILTING CLASS TEACHER. DEVIN
9 FREEMAN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY PASSED AWAY
10 AT THE AGE OF 38, DEPUTY SHERIFF. HE WAS A RESOURCE OFFICER AT
11 CANYON HIGH SCHOOL AND SIERRA VISTA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. HE
12 ALSO ASSISTED WITH THE CRIME PREVENTION UNIT, DETECTIVE UNIT
13 AND OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE TEAM AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER
14 AND THREE DAUGHTERS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR.
15 CHAIRMAN.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST STATE THAT ONCE AGAIN FOR THE
20 RECORD THERE WAS A REPORT THIS PAST WEEKEND RELATIVE TO THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HIRING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE NOT
22 QUALIFIED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. 188 HAVE BEEN REJECTED FOR JOBS
23 AT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BEFORE BEING HIRED BY THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. 97 WERE HIRED WHO SHOWED EVIDENCE OF
25 DISHONESTY. 92 APPLICANTS WERE HIRED WHO WERE DISCIPLINED



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1 PREVIOUSLY BY OTHER POLICE AGENCIES FOR MISCONDUCT ON DUTY. 29
2 WERE FIRED OR PRESSURED TO RESIGN FROM A PREVIOUS LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT JOB. AND 15 WERE FLAGGED BY BACKGROUND
4 INVESTIGATORS FOR TRYING TO MANIPULATE THE RESULT OF A
5 POLYGRAPH EXAM. THIS BOARD AND BEFORE, AND I'LL SAY IN PUBLIC
6 AND PRIVATE SESSIONS WITH THE SHERIFF AND REPRESENTATIVES OF
7 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WERE UNANIMOUS, ALL FIVE MEMBERS,
8 THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WOULD
10 ONLY BE THOSE WHO WERE FULLY QUALIFIED TO THE STANDARDS THAT
11 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD AND THERE WOULD NOT BE EXCEPTIONS
12 TO THOSE STANDARDS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS TOLD THAT.
13 AND THEN WE FIND THAT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT THERE ARE PEOPLE
14 WHO WERE ALLOWED TO PROMOTE THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE NOT
15 QUALIFIED SUBJECTING THE COUNTY'S TAXPAYERS TO FUTURE
16 LIABILITY ISSUES. AND WE NEED TO HAVE CONVEYED TO THE
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE OUGHT TO KNOW WHO MADE THESE
18 EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE THAT THE BOARD WAS SAYING WAS TO BE
19 ENFORCED THAT ONLY QUALIFIED MEN AND WOMEN WOULD BE ACCEPTED
20 INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC
21 SAFETY. WE KNOW MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE IN OFFICE OF PUBLIC
22 SAFETY DID NOT QUALIFY AND WERE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE
23 DEPARTMENT. BUT HERE WE FIND THAT THERE WERE OTHERS WHO WERE
24 JUST AS WELL NOT QUALIFIED WERE ALLOWED AND WE NEED TO HOLD



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1 THOSE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
2 HAVE A REPORT BACK ON THAT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU MAKING THAT IN THE FORM OF A
5 MOTION?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SECOND. REPORT BACK. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, REPORT BACK. SO ORDERED.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WERE ALSO
15 HOLDING ITEM NO. 20?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 20, I WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN ON THAT. HOWEVER,
18 MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT, D.P.S.S.,
19 THE COUNTY HAS BEEN-- THE ISSUE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
20 SOCIAL SERVICES IS SEEKING TO APPROVE A CONTINUANCE OF THEIR
21 JOB SERVICE PROGRAMS WHICH TEACH THOSE ON GENERAL RELIEF HOW
22 TO FIND A JOB AND PREPARE FOR EMPLOYMENT. CURRENTLY THE COUNTY
23 IS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH LEGAL ADVOCATES WHO ARE THREATENING TO
24 SUE BECAUSE THEY DON'T THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD FORCE PEOPLE TO
25 PARTICIPATE IN A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM, WHICH IS A WELFARE TO



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1 WORK PROGRAM. BUT IT HAS VERY POOR SUCCESS RATE. CURRENTLY
2 ONLY 15 PERCENT PARTICIPANTS FIND EMPLOYMENT. AND THAT
3 INCLUDES PART-TIME. AND THE COST IS \$7.7 MILLION, OF WHICH THE
4 COUNTY'S NET COST IS \$4.2 MILLION. SO THE QUESTIONS I WOULD
5 LIKE TO ASK: THE COUNTY'S BEEN OFFERING JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS
6 FOR YEARS YET THE STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
7 TRANSITION FROM GENERAL RELIEF TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IS
8 STILL WELL BELOW 20 PERCENT. IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE
9 JOB CLUB HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE MAJORITY OF ITS
10 PARTICIPANTS OFF GOVERNMENT AID PROGRAMS?

11

12 **SHERYL SPILLER:** GOOD MORNING SHERYL SPILLER, DIRECTOR OF THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. BEFORE I ANSWER THAT
14 QUESTION, I JUST WANT TO GO ON RECORD AS SAYING THAT I LIKED
15 YOUR RED JACKET. [LAUGHTER.]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BRING THIS MEETING TO ORDER, MR. CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHE'S GOT SOUL. [LAUGHTER.]

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DON'T START, MAN.

22

23 **SHERYL SPILLER:** SO WE RECOGNIZE THAT THAT 20 PERCENT SOUNDS
24 LIKE A VERY LOW PERCENTAGE; HOWEVER, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
25 POPULATION THAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR AND



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1 THE CURRENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT
2 ACTUALLY IS A VERY VALIANT EFFORT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS
3 UNDERTAKEN. THESE ARE THE VERY INDIGENT IN THE COUNTY. MANY OF
4 THESE PEOPLE HAVEN'T HAD EMPLOYMENT, IF AT ALL, FOR A LONG
5 TIME. THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT THEY HAVE TO
6 OVERCOME. SO THE 20 PERCENT HAS BEEN-- WE THINK THAT LEVEL IS
7 A GOOD LEVEL TO REACH FOR THIS POPULATION. IT WAS 15 PERCENT.
8 AND WE DID HAVE A COUPLE OF THE AGENCIES THAT WERE ABLE TO
9 MEET THAT. AND SO THIS CONTRACT WE'RE RAISING IT TO 20
10 PERCENT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CONTRACTORS RECEIVE A
13 PERFORMANCE BONUS WHEN ONLY 20 PERCENT OF PARTICIPANTS FIND
14 EMPLOYMENT. WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS WOULD THE COUNTY OFFER THAT
15 PROVIDES AN INCENTIVE BONUS WHEN THERE'S AN 80 PERCENT FAILURE
16 RATE?

17

18 **SHERYL SPILLER:** AGAIN, THAT 20 PERCENT SOUNDS LOW; HOWEVER,
19 FOR THE POPULATION THAT WE'RE SERVICING-- AND THERE ARE NO
20 OTHER COUNTIES THAT ARE DOING THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING IN
21 THIS AREA THAT ARE FINDING EMPLOYMENT FOR THIS POPULATION, SO
22 THERE'S NO COMPARISON.

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE THERE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNABLE TO FIND
2 EMPLOYMENT IN OUR COUNTY OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, ARE
3 THEY ADVISED ON OTHER OPTIONS AND AREAS THEY SHOULD PURSUE?

4

5 **SHERYL SPILLER:** YES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE ARE ACTUALLY
6 23 COMPONENTS TO THIS JOB CLUB. AND SO THERE ARE OTHER AREAS.
7 WE WORK WITH THE W.I.B. WE ALSO HELP THEM TO GET LICENSES FOR
8 LIKE SECURITY WORK AND GET THEIR CARD SO THEY'RE ABLE TO DO
9 THAT. SO SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T END IN EMPLOYMENT RIGHT THEN,
10 BUT THAT THEY DO HAVE OPTIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT LATER ON. THEY'VE
11 RECEIVED TRAINING, WHICH HELPS THEM LATER ON.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE ANY OTHER DATA OR INDICATORS ON HOW
14 MANY PEOPLE COME FROM OUTSIDE OF L.A. COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN
15 OUR GENERAL RELIEF GROWTH PROGRAM?

16

17 **SHERYL SPILLER:** WE DON'T HAVE ANY REAL DATA ON THAT. WE DO
18 KNOW THAT PEOPLE TRAVEL FROM THE OTHER COUNTIES. ONE OF THE
19 THINGS THAT WE CAN LOOK AT IS WHERE THEIR THE LAST KNOWN
20 ADDRESS IS, BUT FOR THE MOST PART, MANY OF OUR APPLICANTS FOR
21 G.R. COME IN AS HOMELESS. AND AS LONG AS THEY HAVE AN INTENT
22 TO RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THEN THEY'RE A PART OF THE
23 POPULATION THAT WE SERVE.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PEOPLE ARE COMING HERE BECAUSE WE OFFER CASH
2 AND EXTENDED NINE-MONTH PROGRAM AS OPPOSED TO THE TRADITIONAL
3 THREE-MONTH PROGRAM OR VOUCHERS.

4

5 **SHERYL SPILLER:** WELL, THAT'S TRUE THAT MANY OF THE OTHER
6 COUNTIES ONLY OFFER A THREE-MONTH PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYABLE G.R.
7 RECIPIENTS. OUR COUNTY IS ONE THAT DOES OFFER A NINE-MONTH
8 PROGRAM.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE WAS A RECENT STORY IN THE NEWS RELATIVE
11 TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY WELFARE DOLLARS BEING SPENT OUTSIDE OF
12 CALIFORNIA. A TOTAL OF \$4.6 MILLION WERE SPENT IN LAS VEGAS,
13 HAWAII, PUERTO RICO AND NEW YORK CITY. THERE WAS EVEN A
14 WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL RELIEF MONEY AT A TATTOO PARLOR OUT OF
15 THE STATE. SO WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT DO TO AGGRESSIVELY
16 CRACK DOWN ON FRAUD OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS AS IT SEEMS TO
17 BE ONGOING?

18

19 **SHERYL SPILLER:** WE HAVE A WELFARE FRAUD SECTION THAT TAKES A
20 LOOK AT THESE CASES. WE DO GET A LISTING OF E.B.T.
21 TRANSACTIONS THAT ARE TRANSACTED OUTSIDE OF THE STATE. AND
22 ACTUALLY THE SURVEY IS A LITTLE MISLEADING JUST BECAUSE OF THE
23 SHEER NUMBERS. WE ACTUALLY-- THERE'S PROBABLY ABOUT 2.4
24 MILLION TRANSACTIONS MONTHLY OUTSIDE OF THE STATE. AND OF
25 THAT, ABOUT 55,000-- I'M SORRY-- 2.4 MILLION TOTAL. OF THAT



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1 ABOUT 55,000 ARE OUTSIDE THE STATE, WHICH IS A LITTLE LESS
2 THAN 2 PERCENT. NOW, WITH THAT, IN THIS STORY WHAT THEY SAID
3 WAS G.R. BUT IT WASN'T JUST G.R. IT WAS G.R., IT WAS CAL-FRESH
4 AND ALSO CAL-WORKS. SO THAT COMBINATION WAS INCLUDED IN THOSE
5 NUMBERS. AND THERE ARE MANY TIMES LEGITIMATE REASONS FOR
6 PEOPLE TO USE THEIR CARDS OUTSIDE OF THE STATE. THEY'RE
7 TRAVELING OR GOING BACK TO VISIT A SICK RELATIVE OR SOMETHING
8 LIKE THAT. BUT WE DO HAVE A MECHANISM IN PLACE WHERE WE DO
9 CHECK ON THOSE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU CHECK, LIKE ALL TATTOOS YOU CHECK?

12

13 **SHERYL SPILLER:** PARDON ME?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE RECEIVING TATTOOS WITH THEIR GENERAL
16 RELIEF, YOU HAVE-- YOU FLAG THOSE AND CHECK THOSE?

17

18 **SHERYL SPILLER:** THOSE WOULDN'T NECESSARILY BE FLAGGED. WE
19 DON'T LOOK AT EVERY SINGLE ONE BECAUSE IT WOULD BE-- IF INDEED
20 ALL OF THEIR BENEFITS WERE TRANSACTED OUT OF STATE OVER A
21 PERIOD OF TIME, THEN WE WOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN AND THIS. BUT PERHAPS,
24 MR. CHAIRMAN, WE COULD ASK THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK ON HOW WE



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1 CAN ENHANCE OUR FRAUD IN THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT MISS
2 SPILLER IS TALKING ABOUT.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON THAT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, A
7 REPORT BACK.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YEAH, THE TWO OF US.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. WITH THAT,
12 THE ITEM'S STILL BEFORE US. OH, YEAH, AND WE DO HAVE SOMEONE
13 JUST SIGNED UP. JOSEPH DEVELL OR DEVELLE? JOSEPH, ARE YOU
14 HERE? JOSEPH DEVELL? IS THAT CORRECT? DID YOU SIGN UP ON ITEM
15 20?

16

17 **JOSEPH DEVELL:** PARDON ME. I DID NOT SIGN UP FOR THAT ITEM.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM DID YOU HOLD, THEN? [OFF MIC.
20 COMMENTS] IT'S BEING CONTINUED. OKAY. THANK YOU. WE'LL CALL
21 YOU UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA WITH THE ABSTENTION FROM
23 MR. ANTONOVICH. ARE YOU ABSTENTION OR VOTING NO?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSTENTION BUT ALSO REPORT BACK.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND SO ORDERED. AND THEN NO OBJECTIONS
3 TO THE REPORT BACK.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
8 ADJOURNMENTS?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY
11 IN THE MEMORY OF EDWARD LEIBSON. HE'S THE BELOVED STEPFATHER
12 OF MY LONGTIME STAFF MEMBER CARRIE SUTKIN. AND SO WE SHARE OUR
13 SYMPATHIES WITH CARRIE AND ALL HER FAMILY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. ARE YOU HOLDING ANYTHING?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S MOVE IN-- ITEM 10. ITEM NO. 10?
20 MR. RICHARD KNICKERBOCKER? OKAY. MR. KNICKERBOCKER? PLEASE
21 TALK INTO THE MICROPHONE, PLEASE.

22

23 **RICHARD KNICKERBOCKER:** I'M RICHARD KNICKERBOCKER. I REPRESENT
24 THE LARSEN TRUST OF MR. LARSON AND MRS. LARSON.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE BE SEATED.

2

3 **RICHARD KNICKERBOCKER:** I'M IN THIS PETITION BEFORE THE BOARD,
4 WHICH WE HAVE FILED WITH THE BOARD AND FOR WHICH THERE HAS
5 BEEN A HEARING BY A HEARING OFFICER. JUST TO MAKE A FEW
6 COMMENTS, THE DECISION OF THE HEARING OFFICER WE FEEL IS VERY
7 SHORT, DOES NOT REFLECT WHAT WAS ALL BEFORE THE BOARD AND DOES
8 NOT REFLECT THE ISSUES WHICH WE THINK ARE VERY IMPORTANT,
9 WHICH ARE IN THE PETITION. FOR DEALING WITH A SITUATION
10 GOVERNED NOT ONLY BY STATE LAW BUT BY FEDERAL LAW UNDER THE
11 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW
12 BOTH IN CALIFORNIA AND ELSEWHERE. WE'RE DEALING ALSO WITH A
13 SITUATION WHERE THERE HAS BEEN INADEQUATE NOTICE WHICH WOULD
14 VOID ANY SALE AND WHICH IS RECOGNIZED THAT THERE HAS TO BE
15 NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS OF RECORD FOR WHICH MR. LARSON WAS NOT
16 NOTIFIED, WAS NOT SENT TO THE PROPER ADDRESS AND THERE'S NO
17 QUESTION ABOUT THAT THAT HE WAS A MATTER OF RECORD. THE TRUST
18 WAS A MATTER OF RECORD. AND NOTHING WAS DONE. THE STATEMENT
19 THAT WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL THAT THEY
20 WOULD PUT THE SALE OVER OR THEY COULD PUT THE SALE OVER. AND
21 THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THEY CAN EXTEND THE SALE. THEY CAN
22 MOVE A SALE, AND THAT'S PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT. BUT IN THIS CASE
23 THEY CHOSE NOT TO BECAUSE, FRANKLY, THE BID WAS FIXED. IT WAS
24 A FIXED SALE, NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. NOT DENIED BY THE COUNTY.
25 THEY ALREADY KNEW WHO WAS GOING TO GET THE BID. IT WAS GOING



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1 TO BE THE MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY. THEY AGREED IN ADVANCE. THEY
2 HAD A MEETING. AND IT WAS WELL KNOWN. IN FACT, IT'S PRETTY
3 WELL CONCEDED. THE SALE WAS FIXED.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, YOUR TIME WAS UP. I'M GOING TO
6 DIRECT YOU TO COUNSEL. MR. KRATTLI, IS SOME MEMBER OF YOUR
7 STAFF LISTENING TO THIS CONVERSATION? WOULD SOMEBODY MEET WITH
8 THESE FOLKS IN REGARD TO THE SALE? OKAY. I'M GOING TO DIRECT
9 MR. KNICKERBOCKER AND THE FAMILY THERE TO MEET WITH COUNTY
10 COUNSEL OVER HERE TO THE SIDE. WE DO HAVE AN ACTION, YES. SO I
11 WOULD LIKE TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL--

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOLD IT ON THE DESK.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GOING TO HOLD IT ON THE TABLE
16 WHILE YOU MEET BEFORE WE DO ANYTHING. OKAY? PUT NO. 10 ON THE
17 TABLE. ALL RIGHT. LET'S SEE. NEXT WOULD BE 67-A, MR. DAVID
18 LEWIS? SPEAKING FROM LANCASTER.

19

20 **DAVID LEWIS:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID LEWIS. I LIVE
21 IN UNINCORPORATED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS PAST SUNDAY, A
22 FRIEND DREW MY ATTENTION TO THE INTERVIEW WITH SHERIFF'S
23 DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR GENERAL CANDIDATE MAX HUNTSMAN, WHICH WAS
24 BROADCAST THAT DAY ON CHANNEL 4'S NEWS CONFERENCE PROGRAM.
25 WATCHING THIS, I WAS QUITE SHOCKED BY A STATEMENT MADE BY MR.



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1 HUNTSMAN. WHAT MR. HUNTSMAN SAID TO CHANNEL 4'S CONAN NOLAN TO
2 MY DISMAY CONTRADICTED WHAT THE WITNESS L.A. WEB PAGE
3 REPORTED, IT WAS TOLD DIRECTLY BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
4 PER THE SUPERVISOR, MR. HUNTSMAN MADE VERY CLEAR TO THE BOARD
5 THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
6 WOULD BE ABIDING BY THE LAW. ON CAMERA, MR. HUNTSMAN SAID JUST
7 THE OPPOSITE OF THAT, THAT HE HOPES FOR A PROPER OFFICIAL
8 CONDUCT BUT THAT, AND I QUOTE "I DON'T REQUIRE THAT THE PEOPLE
9 WHO GET ELECTED FOLLOW THE RULES." PRESUMABLY IN THIS HE WAS
10 REFERRING TO SHERIFF BACA WHO HOLDS ELECTIVE OFFICE BUT CAN
11 MANDATED OVERSIGHT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AMOUNT TO NOTHING
12 MORE THAN SAYING TO THE SHERIFF, " I HOPE YOU ABIDE BY ETHICAL
13 STANDARDS, BUT THAT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT?" MR. HUNTSMAN HAS
14 PERSONALLY PROSECUTED ELECTED OFFICERS OF INCORPORATED CITIES
15 FOR CORRUPTION. IS HE NOW TELLING US THAT THE SHERIFF, UNLIKE
16 THE MAYORS AND CITY MANAGERS HE HAS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, IS
17 IMMUNE FROM ACCOUNTABILITY UNDER THE LAW? IF THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPUTIES WHO PATROL THE AREA IN WHICH I LIVE WERE TO TELL
19 CRIMINALS "WE HOPE YOU OBEY THE LAW BUT THAT IS NOT REQUIRED",
20 I WOULD BE TERRIFIED. FORTUNATELY THOSE DEPUTIES ARE STILL
21 ENFORCING THE RULES. SHOULD WE EXPECT LESS OF AN INSPECTOR
22 GENERAL? AS THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" EDITORIALIZED, WHAT IS
23 NEEDED NOW IS MEANINGFUL OVERSIGHT, NOT ANOTHER LAYER OF
24 TOOTHLESS REVIEW. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.
2 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. ITEM 44. WE HAVE THREE SPEAKERS. DANIEL
4 GOTTLIEB, DAVID HERBST AND SHELLEY LUCE AND TIM RILEY. AND
5 MARSHA HANSCOM. OKAY. WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST? PLEASE
6 PROCEED. WHO'S GOING TO PROCEED?

7

8 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** I'LL GO FIRST. MY NAME IS DAN GOTTLIEB,
9 PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS, AND I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 44 WHICH IS
10 REDOING THE OXFORD FLOOD BASIN. WILDLIFE SEEMS TO BE GIVEN A
11 SHORT SHRIFT IN THIS PROJECT. SHADE TREES AND NESTING TREES
12 HAVE BEEN REPLACED. THE BIOLOGIST CONSULTANT IS INCOMPETENT.
13 MONEY WILL BE MADE IN THE NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION,
14 WHICH DEFEATS THE ENVIRONMENT ITSELF. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THIS
15 WILL COME IN THE MARINA DEL REY ON THE WETLANDS ON PARCEL 9-U
16 IN WHICH THEY'RE GOING TO MOVE IT. SO ALL THIS WORK ON
17 WETLANDS WHICH IMPROVES IT, ACCORDING TO SOMEBODY'S-- THEY'RE
18 JUST GOING TO MAKE MONEY ON IT AND IT'S GOING TO RUIN THE
19 WILDLIFE SITUATION. LAST WEEK I ALSO NOTICED THE SAME KIND OF
20 INCOMPETENCE WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR THE WATERWORKS IN
21 CHARGING RENT FOR THE MARINA DEL REY. AND I GOT A CONFIRMATION
22 THAT THERE WAS A MISTAKE THERE AND THE LETTER SAYS "GOOD
23 MORNING, MR. GOTTLIEB. THANK YOU FOR REVIEWING THE NUMBERS
24 CONTAINED IN THE BOARD'S LETTER REGARDING THE IMPACT TO OUR
25 MARINA DEL REY CUSTOMERS FROM THE 6.0 PERCENT PASS THROUGH



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1 RATE INCREASE THROUGH THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF OUR RATES AND
2 THE NET INCREASE OF THE WATERWORKS DISTRICTS. THE REVENUES ARE
3 ACCURATE; UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS AN ERROR IN THE VALUES
4 REFERENCED AS THE AVERAGE BUREAU," AND THEN HE GIVES THE
5 CORRECT VALUES. I SEE THAT THE WATER BILLS HAVE GONE UP BY
6 LIKE ABOUT \$300. BUT THE TOTAL REVENUES STILL REMAINS THE
7 SAME. SO IT STILL LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE WRONG. I DON'T-- I'M NOT
8 AN ACCOUNTANT OR ANYTHING BUT I FOUND A LOT OF THESE KINDS OF
9 THINGS. SO YOU'RE GETTING LOTS OF POOR INFORMATION.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

12

13 **SHELLEY LUCE:** GOOD MORNING. I'M DR. SHELLEY LUCE. I'M THE
14 DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION AND
15 I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE OXFORD BASIN RESTORATION PROJECT. I
16 ORIGINALLY STARTED SPEAKING ABOUT THIS PROJECT WITH STAFF OF
17 PUBLIC WORKS ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN YEARS AGO, AND AT THAT TIME IT
18 WAS THOUGHT OF AS SUBSTANTIAL BASIN CLEAN OUT PROJECT. BUT
19 TOGETHER WE WERE ABLE TO SHIFT FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE TO ONE IN
20 WHICH WE COULD VIEW THIS PIECE OF CITY INFRASTRUCTURE, COUNTY
21 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT PROTECTS US FROM FLOODING TO LOOKING AT
22 THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE WETLANDS HABITAT AND PUBLIC
23 RECREATION IN THE MARINA DEL REY AREA. THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF
24 WILLINGLY WORKED WITH OUR STAFF TO BUILD A PROJECT THAT NOT
25 ONLY ADDRESSES THE FLOOD CONTROL ISSUE BUT ALSO IMPROVES WATER



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1 CIRCULATION AND WATER QUALITY, AND THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT
2 BECAUSE THE OXFORD LAGOON, OXFORD BASIN CONNECTS DIRECTLY TO
3 MARINA DEL REY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO T.M.D.L.S FOR BACTERIA AND
4 METALS. SO THIS WILL HELP WITH THAT WATER QUALITY ISSUE. IT
5 ALSO INCREASES WETLAND HABITAT, AND AS YOU KNOW WE'VE LOST UP
6 TO 95 PERCENT OF OUR COASTAL WETLANDS. THE OXFORD BASIN IS A
7 REMNANT OF THE ORIGINAL BALLONA WETLANDS COMPLEX AND BRINGING
8 BACK NATURAL WETLANDS HERE IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR LOCAL
9 COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS. IT ALSO INCREASES
10 RECREATION AND EDUCATION. I THINK THIS PROJECT REPRESENTS
11 REALLY AMAZING PROGRESS IN HOW WE, AS AGENCIES, HANDLE THESE
12 ELEMENTS OF OUR COUNTY'S INFRASTRUCTURE TURNING THEM INTO
13 COMMUNITY AMENITIES WHERE WE'RE BRINGING NATURE BACK INTO THE
14 CITY WHERE PEOPLE CAN REALLY BENEFIT FROM IT. FOR EXAMPLE,
15 PUBLIC WORKS HAS TAKEN OUT ALL OF THE INVASIVE AND EXOTIC
16 VEGETATION FROM THE PLANNING AND REPLACED IT WITH ONLY NATIVE
17 VEGETATION. THAT'S VERY FORWARD THINKING. IT HAS ALSO DESIGNED
18 SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL PUBLIC ACCESS, INCLUDING TRAILS AND
19 OVERLOOKS. THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A TALL CHAIN LINK FENCE
20 AROUND THIS LOCATION. IT WILL ACTUALLY BE A PUBLIC PARK IN AN
21 AREA THAT IS VERY HEAVILY TRAFFICKED RIGHT ON THE BORDER OF
22 MARINA DEL REY AND VENICE. THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SANTA
23 MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE
24 PROJECT. THANKS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NEXT?

2

3 **DAVID HERBST:** CHAIRMAN KNABE AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
4 CHAIRMANSHIP AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
5 GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID HERBST, AND I'M A PAST CHAIRMAN
6 OF THE L.A.X. COASTAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. ON BEHALF OF THE
7 L.A.X. COASTAL CHAMBER, REPRESENTING OVER 500 BUSINESSES AND
8 MORE THAN 25,000 AREA JOBS, WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE
9 ENHANCEMENT OF THE OXFORD BASIN IN MARINA DEL REY AND MAKE ITS
10 COMPLETION A PRIORITY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE OXFORD BASIN SHOULD
11 BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR BOTH LOCALS AND VISITORS TO ENJOY.
12 NOT ONLY WILL IT IMPROVE FLOOD PROTECTION AND PROTECT OUR
13 WATER QUALITY, BUT THIS TEN-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, THE SECOND
14 LARGEST OPEN SPACE IN THE MARINA NEXT TO BURTON CHACE PARK
15 SHOULD BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT.
16 AS IT STANDS NOW THE GATE MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO ACCESS VIA
17 BIKE OR FOOT. THAT HAMPERS LOCAL TOURISTS LOOKING FOR THE L.A.
18 BEACH EXPERIENCE. ADDITIONALLY, UNDER ITS CURRENT CONDITION,
19 THE BASIN OFTEN PRODUCES AN EXTREMELY NEGATIVE ODOR. THIS
20 SMELL OF SEWAGE AND GASES OFTEN MAKES ITS WAY THROUGH MARINA
21 DEL REY. THIS PROJECT WILL SOLVE THAT PROBLEM AND THEREBY HELP
22 RESTORE ADDITIONAL LUSTER TO THE MARINA, OFTEN CALLED THE
23 CROWN JEWEL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE L.A.X. COASTAL CHAMBER
24 HAS SEEN YEAR AND YEARS GO BY WITH ONLY PLANS TO IMPROVE THE
25 BASIN. HOWEVER, ACTION HAS YET TO BE TAKEN. WE URGE YOU TO



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1 BEGIN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE OXFORD BASIN FOR THE GREATER
2 BENEFIT OF MARINA DEL REY, THE L.A. COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND
3 OUR VISITORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, MARCIA? MR. RILEY?

6

7 **TIM RILEY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TIM
8 RILEY REPRESENTING THE MARINA DEL REY LESSEES' ASSOCIATION. WE
9 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE OXFORD BASIN PROJECT MOVING FORWARD. I'D
10 ALSO LIKE TO MENTION A LETTER WAS SENT IN FROM THE MARINA DEL
11 REY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU. THEY'RE ALSO STRONGLY IN
12 SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE THAT WILL BRING A LOT OF ENHANCEMENTS
13 TO OUR COMMUNITY. UP TILL NOW THE BASIN HAS SERVED PRIMARILY
14 AS A FLOOD CONTROL, WHICH IS NECESSARY. AND IT WILL RETAIN
15 THAT FUNCTION. BUT THE COUNTY HAS COME UP WITH AN EXCELLENT
16 PLAN TO CONVERT THIS ALSO INTO A DUAL PURPOSE. NOT JUST FLOOD
17 CONTROL BUT A PARK-LIKE HABITAT. IT WILL HAVE MORE BIRD
18 CONSERVATION IN THIS 10-ACRE AREA. IT WILL BE VISUALLY
19 APPEALING. UP TILL NOW YOU'VE HAD AN UGLY CHAIN-LINK FENCE.
20 DEBRIS HAS BEEN LEFT ON THE PROPERTY. THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN IN
21 THE FUTURE. YOU WILL HAVE NICE FENCING. YOU WILL HAVE WALKWAYS
22 AROUND. YOU WILL HAVE OBSERVATION DECKS WHERE PEOPLE ENJOY THE
23 VISUAL BEAUTY OF THIS ENHANCED HABITAT AND FLOOD CONTROL
24 BASIN. IT WILL BE A MORE ATTRACTIVE FEATURE FOR PEOPLE COMING
25 INTO THE MARINA THAT ARE VISITORS. IT'LL FREQUENT OUR



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1 BUSINESSSES AND GO TO RESTAURANTS AND STAY IN HOTELS AND ENJOY
2 THIS GREAT AMENITY THAT THE COUNTY IS PUSHING FORWARD. IT HAS
3 BEEN A LONG TIME IN COMING. THERE WERE A LOT OF PUBLIC
4 MEETINGS THAT OCCURRED IN THE MARINA. AND THERE'S A LOT OF
5 SUPPORT FOR THIS. AND WE URGE YOUR ADOPTION OF IT TODAY. THANK
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MARCIA?

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10 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MARCIA HANSCOM WITH THE
11 BALLONA INSTITUTE WETLANDS DEFENSE FUND. AND I'M ALSO
12 REPRESENTING DOUG FAY AS AN INDIVIDUAL. HE IS THE SON OF DR.
13 RIMAN FEY WHO IS KNOWN AS THE DOC RICKETS OF SANTA MONICA BAY
14 FOR MANY YEARS. I'M HERE TO SAY SOMETHING DIFFERENT. THERE ARE
15 MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT. THE L.A. AUDUBON
16 SOCIETY AND SIERRA CLUB BOTH HAVE LETTERS INTO THE M.N.D. THAT
17 WERE NOT PROPERLY RESPONDED TO. THERE'S SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE
18 IN THE RECORD THAT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT
19 ON THE ENVIRONMENT, THEREFORE A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
20 REPORT IS REQUIRED. AN M.N.D. IS INSUFFICIENT. YOUR STAFF MADE
21 A GRAVE AND SIGNIFICANT ERROR OVER THE LONG PROCESSING AND
22 PREPARATION OF THIS M.N.D. THEY CONVINCED THEMSELVES THEY DID
23 NOT NEED TO OBTAIN A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FROM THE
24 COASTAL COMMISSION. AND THE COUNTY WAS ESSENTIALLY PLANNING ON
25 GRANTING ITSELF A C.D.P. FOR A PROJECT THAT WOULD BRING IN



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1 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR A PROJECT THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY
2 HARM THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT. INSTEAD BECAUSE OF THE
3 NOTIFICATION BY CITIZENS OF THE COASTAL COMMISSION STAFF, THEY
4 FINALLY REALIZED THAT HAD SOME OF THEIR JUNIOR STAFF HAD ALSO
5 MADE AN ERROR, AS THIS IS A TIDALLY-INFLUENCED WETLAND. YOUR
6 STAFF WOULD RATHER CALL IT AN OXFORD BASIN, BUT WE CALL IT AN
7 OXFORD LAGOON. AND NO MATTER WHAT IT'S CALLED, IT IS
8 FUNCTIONING AS A COASTAL WETLAND ECOSYSTEM, COMPLETE WITH
9 NATIVE PICKLE PLANT, NATIVE MARSH, ROSEMARY AND BIRDS NESTING
10 AND FORAGING IN THE AREA. NOW HOW CAN IT BE THAT REMOVING MORE
11 THAN 400 MATURE TREES AND ANOTHER 250 MATURE SHRUBS, TREES AND
12 SHRUBS WHERE BLACK CROWN NIGHT HERONS NEST, SNOWY EGRETS
13 ROOST, WHY IS THAT NOT CONSIDERED A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE
14 ENVIRONMENT? NOW I KNOW SUPERVISOR KNABE WANTS TO CLEAN THIS
15 PLACE UP, AND SO DO WE BUT MAINTENANCE IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM
16 HERE NOT TURNING THIS INTO A THEME-PARK WETLAND. THIS IS A
17 NATURAL WILD AREA OF OUR COAST, AND WE REALLY NEED TO PROTECT
18 IT. PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS AT THIS TIME AND DO THE
19 PROPER CONSULTATION WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION AND THE FISH
20 AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT BEFORE YOU APPROVE THIS AND DO A FULL
21 E.I.R. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I JUST WOULD ADD THAT WE ARE GOING
24 THROUGH THE COASTAL PERMIT PROCESS. THAT IS NOT BEING
25 EXCLUDED. SO WITH THAT, ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR



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1 COMMENTS? IF NOT, I'LL MOVE THE ITEM. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. FOR DISCUSSION,
3 ITEM 61, A REPORT BY OUR C.E.O. AND THEN WE DO HAVE PUBLIC
4 COMMENT ON THAT. PAUL AUDLEY AND ARNOLD SACHS.

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO MAKE SOME VERY BRIEF
7 COMMENTS NOW?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, PLEASE.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN DO THAT. AS YOU KNOW, THE BOARD ASKED US
12 TO LOOK AT THE FILM RENTAL RATES FOR GRAND PARK. WE DEVELOPED
13 SOME RATES. WE ALSO DEVELOPED GRAND PARK FILMING GUIDELINES.
14 THEY HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR ABOUT THE LAST YEAR. OVER THIS
15 LAST YEAR, WE'VE HAD WHAT I WOULD SAY AN INCREASE IN FILMING
16 NOT ONLY IN THIS BUILDING BUT PARTICULARLY IN THE GRAND PARK.
17 WE'VE HAD OVER 24 FORMAL REQUESTS, 8 PROJECTS WERE ACTUALLY
18 COMPLETED IN THE PARK. WE'RE STILL AT AN EVALUATION PHASE, I
19 WOULD CALL IT. BUT WE'D ASK THAT WE CONTINUE AND BASICALLY
20 MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO. WE THINK WHAT WE HAVE BOTH IN TERMS
21 OF THE RENTAL RATES AND ALSO THE GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN
22 SUCCESSFUL. WE'VE HAD NO COMPLAINTS, NO CONCERNS EXPRESSED FOR
23 THE FILMING INDUSTRY. THERE'S ANOTHER ISSUE THAT'S
24 OUTSTANDING. YOU'VE ASKED US TO LOOK AT THE FILM POLICY. WE'RE



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1 WORKING WITH FILM L.A. RIGHT NOW. IT'S OUR INTENT TO COME BACK
2 WITH A REVISED POLICY IN THE EARLY TO MID-PART OF JANUARY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PAUL?

5

6 **PAUL AUDLEY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M REALLY HERE AS
7 YOUR FILM OFFICE TO OFFER ANY INFORMATION, BUT NO COMMENT FROM
8 US AT THIS TIME.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MR. SACHS, ARE YOU
11 COMING UP OR NOT? OR WE'LL MOVE FORWARD? MR. PREVEN, YOU
12 DIDN'T SIGN UP ON THIS. NO, YOU DIDN'T. MR. PHELPS, CALL YOU
13 UP, PLEASE. I DON'T HAVE A SLIP ON YOU.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE PART THAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION WAS MR.
16 FUJIOKA'S COMMENTS ABOUT WORKING ON THE FILM POLICY. AND
17 ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T BRING IT WITH ME, THERE WAS A SMALL STORY IN
18 THE L.A. TIMES, I BELIEVE IT WAS LAST WEEK AND I ACTUALLY HAVE
19 IT FOR THE L.A. CITY BECAUSE THEY ARE DISCUSSING THE STATE'S
20 FILM REBATE POLICY WHERE THEY GIVE CREDIT FOR FILMING IN THE
21 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND HOW FILMING IS LEAVING THE STATE OF
22 CALIFORNIA. AND THE ACTUAL-- THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE
23 STORY WAS THIS ONE LINE WHERE THE FILMING CREDITS THAT ARE
24 AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANIES ARE ONLY FOR FILMS \$70 MILLION OR
25 LESS. SO BLOCKBUSTER FILMS AREN'T ELIGIBLE FOR THE FILM



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1 CREDITS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO WHILE YOU'RE LOOKING
2 AT THE POLICIES FOR THE COUNTY, DO YOU THINK THAT THAT MIGHT
3 BE ADDRESSED? BECAUSE WE HEAR THAT FILMING IS LEAVING THE
4 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THERE WERE STORIES I THINK THEY JUST
5 OPENED UP NEW FACILITIES IN ENGLAND. THEY'RE OPENING NEW
6 FACILITIES IN CHINA, B.Y.D. THE FACT THAT THE LIMIT ON THE
7 FILMING CREDITS AGAIN IS \$70 MILLION FOR FILM, AND NOT
8 INCLUSIVE OF BLOCKBUSTER FILMS THAT MIGHT COST \$200 MILLION.
9 WHO KNOWS HOW THE FILM CREDITS MIGHT WORK OUT. BUT MAYBE
10 SOMEBODY ON THE BOARD WITH THEIR PLETHORA OF WISDOM AND
11 EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT WOULD LOOK INTO THAT SITUATION AND
12 WOULD HELP TO KEEP FILMING NOT ONLY IN L.A. BUT MAYBE EVEN IN
13 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PHELPS?

16

17 **DAVID PHELPS:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
18 TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY ON THIS ITEM. I AM DAVID PHELPS. I'M
19 WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS. WE
20 ARE A TRADE ASSOCIATION THAT REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 350
21 SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED INDEPENDENTLY OWNED COMMERCIAL
22 PRODUCTION COMPANIES, ABOUT WHICH HALF OF THEM ARE LOCATED OR
23 HEADQUARTERED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE ISSUE OF FILMING
24 DOWNTOWN IS AN IMPORTANT ONE FOR THE FILM INDUSTRY AND
25 ESPECIALLY FOR THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION INDUSTRY IN THAT



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1 APPROXIMATELY BETWEEN 35 AND 40 PERCENT OF THE COMMERCIAL
2 FILMING THAT TAKES PLACE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TAKES PLACE IN
3 DOWNTOWN. MANY OF THE COMMERCIALS THAT YOU WILL NOTICE,
4 ESPECIALLY AUTOMOTIVE COMMERCIALS, ARE FILMED USING THE
5 DOWNTOWN AREA AS A BACKDROP. SO THINGS THAT IMPACT FILMING
6 DOWNTOWN AFFECT OUR INDUSTRY NOT ONLY REGIONALLY BUT
7 NATIONALLY AND STATEWIDE. THE A.I.C.P. DOES REMAIN CONCERNED
8 WITH THE LEVEL OF PERMIT FEES THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT.
9 THE REPORT THAT WAS HANDED OUT REGARDING THE AGENDA FROM THE
10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE DOES CITE SOME ACTIVITY ON THE PARK,
11 BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE REPORT HAD MENTIONED MORE INSTANCES OF
12 INQUIRIES THAN ACTUAL FILMING TAKES PLACE AT THE PARK. AND THE
13 8 PRODUCTIONS OF WHICH ONLY 1 OF THEM ARE OF A SEMI-
14 SIGNIFICANT FACTOR, TOOK PLACE AT THE PARK AND ONLY THREE OF
15 THOSE PRODUCTIONS, I BELIEVE, WERE COMMERCIALS. WE REALLY WANT
16 TO ASK THE BOARD TO ENCOURAGE WAYS THAT WE CAN INCREASE THE
17 FILMING AT THE PARK AND TO CONSIDER ANOTHER REPORT IN THREE TO
18 SIX MONTHS THAT LOOKS NOT ONLY AT THE ACTIVITY IN COMPARISON
19 TO THIS FIRST PERIOD UNDER GRAND PARK BUT ALSO TO ADDRESS THE
20 LEVEL OF ACTIVITY THAT TOOK PLACE AT THIS LOCATION PRIOR TO IT
21 BECOMING GRAND PARK BECAUSE I KNOW IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS
22 SAID AT THE LAST HEARING REGARDING COMMERCIAL-- FILMING IN
23 GENERAL THAT NO FILMING TOOK PLACE IN GRAND PARK PRIOR TO IT
24 BEING GRAND PARK AND I BELIEVE THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT
25 OF FILMING THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE LOCATION. I WOULD ASK THE



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1 BOARD TO CONSIDER AND LOOK AT THE FILMING DATA FROM THAT PRIOR
2 PERIOD.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU,
5 WE WILL. I'LL ASK THE C.E.O. TO INCORPORATE THAT INTO THE
6 REPORT BACK, SO WE APPRECIATE THAT. ANYONE ELSE SIGN UP? ALL
7 RIGHT. MR. PREVEN DID FILL OUT.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
10 DISTRICT 3. THE SUBJECT OF FILMING AT GRAND PARK IS OF GREAT
11 INTEREST TO ME. I DID LOOK AT THE LAST FEW MONTHS SINCE THIS
12 REPORT WAS ASKED FOR TO SEE WHO IS, IN FACT, SHOOTING. AND YOU
13 KNOW WE'RE NOT GETTING THE BIG TARGETS BEYOND "N.C.I.S." WHICH
14 IS THE NUMBER ONE GREAT SHOW ON C.B.S. WHICH HAS A TREMENDOUS
15 BUDGET. I MEAN, THIS IS JUST A JUGGERNAUT. SO THEY WERE ABLE
16 TO PAY. WE'VE GOT THE L.A. TIMES WEBSITE, WHICH IS NOT A
17 ROBUST OPERATION. WE HAVE SOME STUDENT FILMS AND THIS AND THAT
18 THAT WENT FORWARD WITH COMPLETION. YOU KNOW, I THINK WE HAVE
19 TO, FRANKLY, I THINK THAT THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THE GRAND
20 PARK FILMING RATES IS TO SIMPLY LOWER THEM RIGHT DOWN TO THE
21 SAME SIZE AS OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES THAT HAVE FILMING RATES
22 IN PLACE. I KNOW WHERE SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS COMING WHEN SHE
23 SUGGESTED THAT WE WANT TO TRY TO GET SOME BANG FOR THE BUCK,
24 THAT WE DON'T WANT TO INCONVENIENCE THE COUNTY RESIDENTS, BUT
25 ALSO, COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO USE THE PARK.



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1 IT IS FOR THE PEOPLE, NOT FOR THE FILMING INDUSTRY. BUT I
2 ABSOLUTELY THINK THAT THIS IS EMBARRASSING, THAT HERE IN THE
3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES, I TEND TO LEAN WITH THE
4 MORE BUSINESS-FRIENDLY SIDE HERE BECAUSE WE WANT THESE KIND OF
5 JOBS AND WE WANT TO MAKE IT A VITAL ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU CAN
6 FILM WITHOUT-- THERE WAS ONE, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE
7 DETAILS BUT ONE PERSON THOUGHT IT WAS A REAL SHOOT FOR SAMSUNG
8 BUT THEY WERE TOO LATE SO WE WEREN'T ABLE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.
9 OBVIOUSLY BUREAUCRACIES. WE ALL LISTENED TO SUPERVISOR KNABE
10 WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT THE SILO ISSUES. I'M HOPING THAT AS WE GO
11 FORWARD INTO 2014 THAT THIS BOARD WILL COME UP WITH A VERY
12 USER- FRIENDLY-- NOT FREE, FAIR-- PROGRAM THAT WILL ATTRACT
13 SERIOUS PARTICIPANTS IN THIS KIND OF WORK, BECAUSE IT'S GREAT.
14 IT'S GREAT FOR L.A. AND IT SENDS THE RIGHT MESSAGE HERE IN
15 CALIFORNIA THAT WE WANT TO PUT PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE TO WORK.
16 THANK YOU FOR ALL THE LOCAL WORKER HIRE WORK YOU'VE BEEN
17 DOING, IF YOU'VE BEEN DOING ANY. I KNOW IT GOT PUSHED THIS
18 WEEK. BUT THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THERE IS NO ACTION ON THIS
21 ITEM. IT IS A REPORT ONLY. ITEM 66.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 66 IS A PUBLIC HEARING.
24 AND IF I COULD HAVE ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THIS
25 BOARD PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU'RE HERE ON ITEM 66, PLEASE STAND.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** "IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE

5 BEFORE THIS BOARD DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH,

6 THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?"

7 THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. THIS IS A HEARING ON UPDATES TO

8 THE HOUSING ELEMENT, CONSISTING OF TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO

9 ADDRESS THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT ALLOCATION FOR

10 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY TO REFLECT RECENT

11 CHANGES IN THE STATE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW. THERE IS A

12 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND THERE

13 ARE A FEW PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THIS MATTER.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. FIRST OF ALL, WE'LL ASK THE

16 DEPARTMENT TO REPORT, PLEASE.

17

18 **CONNIE CHUNG:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,

19 MY NAME IS CONNIE CHUNG. I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL

20 PLANNING, GENERAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT HOUSING SECTION. TODAY WE

21 ARE ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSING

22 ELEMENT FOR THE YEARS 2014 TO 2021. THE STATE HOUSING ELEMENT

23 LAW REQUIRES EVERY LOCAL JURISDICTION TO PREPARE AND REGULARLY

24 UPDATE ITS HOUSING ELEMENT. THE LAST HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

25 WAS ADOPTED BY YOUR BOARD IN 2008. THE HOUSING ELEMENT IS ONE



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1 OF SEVEN MANDATED ELEMENTS OF THE GENERAL PLAN. THE HOUSING
2 ELEMENT OUTLINES THE COUNTIES GOALS AND POLICIES FOR
3 APPROPRIATELY GUIDING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION IN
4 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY. IT MUST ADDRESS THE
5 NEEDS OF ALL INCOME LEVELS AND ACCOMMODATE A DIVERSITY OF
6 HOUSING TYPES AND SPECIAL NEEDS. IT INCLUDES AN ANALYSIS OF
7 THE COUNTY'S EXISTING AND PROJECTED HOUSING NEEDS AND AN
8 ASSESSMENT OF THE COUNTY'S ABILITY THROUGH ADOPTED LAND USE
9 POLICIES, EXISTING PROCEDURES AND RESOURCES AND PROPOSED
10 PROGRAMS TO ACCOMMODATE ITS FAIR SHARE OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING
11 NEED. THE STATE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW REQUIRES THAT LOCAL
12 GOVERNMENTS MAKE A DILIGENT EFFORT TO ACHIEVE PUBLIC
13 PARTICIPATION OF ALL SEGMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY IN THE
14 DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOUSING ELEMENT. TO THAT EFFECT, THE COUNTY
15 STAFF PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC MEETINGS AND FOCUS GROUPS,
16 ORGANIZED PRIMARILY BY THE L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
17 COMMISSION VIA THE CON[SOLIDATED] PLAN UPDATE, TO DISCUSS
18 ISSUES RELATED TO HOUSING NEEDS AND RESOURCES. PARTICIPANTS
19 INCLUDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, NONPROFIT AND FOR PROFIT
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS AND HOUSING ADVOCATES. THE STAFF
21 ALSO REACHED OUT TO KEY STAKEHOLDER GROUPS SUCH AS
22 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND FAIR HOUSING
23 ADVOCATES. FURTHERMORE, THE STAFF FACILITATED OUTREACH THROUGH
24 POSTCARD MAILINGS AND ONLINE HOUSING SURVEY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
25 ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THIS DOCUMENT REFLECTS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT



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1 OF MANY COUNTY AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY WITH THE COMMUNITY
2 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. UPON ADOPTION, THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED
3 TO SUBMIT THE HOUSING ELEMENT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
4 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERGO A 90-DAY
5 CERTIFICATION REVIEW TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE
6 HOUSING ELEMENT LAW. APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE HOUSING
7 ELEMENT WILL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY REMAINS IN COMPLIANCE WITH
8 THE STATE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW. IT WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT
9 PROJECTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MANY
10 STATE HOUSING PROGRAMS AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. THE STAFF
11 RECOMMENDS THAT YOU DO THE FOLLOWING: CONSIDER THE NEGATIVE
12 DECLARATION, TOGETHER WITH ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE
13 PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS; FIND ON THE BASIS OF THE WHOLE RECORD
14 BEFORE THE BOARD THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT
15 THE PROJECT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT;
16 FIND THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT
17 JUDGMENT AND ANALYSIS OF THE BOARD AND ADOPT THE NEGATIVE
18 DECLARATION. SECONDLY, APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
19 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AS REFLECTED IN THE HOUSING
20 ELEMENT AND DETERMINE THAT IT IS COMPATIBLE AND SUPPORTIVE OF
21 THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE L.A. COUNTY GENERAL PLAN. AND,
22 FINALLY, INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO FINALIZE THE RESOLUTION TO
23 ADOPT THE HOUSING ELEMENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THAT
24 CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A PRESENTATION. ARE THERE ANY
2 QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? IF NOT, WE HAVE A COUPLE PEOPLE
3 SIGNED UP. JILL SHOOK. ERIC PREVEN. JOHN WALSH. AND ARNOLD
4 SACHS. IF YOU WOULD ALL COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

5

6 **JILL SHOOK:** OH, I START NOW? I'VE NEVER DONE THIS AT THIS
7 LEVEL, SO THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD, JILL.

10

11 **JILL SHOOK:** I JUST WANT TO MENTION TWO THINGS THAT I THINK
12 NEED TO BE STRENGTHENED IN THIS PARTICULAR HOUSING ELEMENT.
13 CONSIDERING THE CLOSURE OF ALL THE REDEVELOPMENT ZONES WHERE
14 20 PERCENT WAS TO BE SET ASIDE AS AFFORDABLE, I THINK IN LIGHT
15 OF THAT, THERE NEEDS TO BE A STRONG FOCUS ON LOOKING AT
16 INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE THAT WOULD ALLOW THE SAME KIND
17 OF THING THAT WOULD ALLOW PUBLIC DOLLARS ACTUALLY TO FLOW BACK
18 INTO THE COUNTY BY HAVING A STRONG INCLUSIONARY. AND I WAS NOT
19 AWARE THAT THIS WAS EMPHASIZED ANYWHERE IN THIS ELEMENT. AND
20 SECONDLY THERE'S ANOTHER WAY WITHOUT INCLUDING A LOT OF PUBLIC
21 DOLLARS THAT COULD STRENGTHEN AND HELP MEET THAT ARENA, AND
22 THAT WOULD BE THROUGH CREATING SETBACKS FOR THE SECOND UNITS
23 DOWN TO 5 FEET RATHER THAN 20 FEET. I MENTIONED IN MY COMMENTS
24 THAT IT WAS JUST-- THAT IT WAS 25 FEET. ACTUALLY IT READS 20
25 FEET IN THIS PARTICULAR ELEMENT. SO IF THAT WAS A CLOSER



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1 SETBACK, THEN FAMILIES WOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE A SECOND UNIT
2 IN THEIR BACKYARDS. IT WOULD CREATE JOBS AND FOR LOCAL
3 BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE TAKING MONEY OUT OF THE EQUITY IN THEIR
4 HOME TO CREATE THAT. SO THOSE ARE JUST THE TWO THINGS THAT I
5 THINK NEED TO BE MORE EMPHASIZED AS VIABLE OPTIONS CONSIDERING
6 THE LACK OF FUNDING AND THE SPACE, YOU KNOW. AND UTILIZING
7 BETTER, THE SPACE PEOPLE HAVE IN THEIR BACK YARDS TO MEET OUR
8 NEED. I DO MOST OF MY ADVOCACY IN THE PASADENA AREA BUT I LIVE
9 RIGHT ON THE BORDER OF PATH OF ALTADENA. AND I'VE WRITTEN A
10 BOOK ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT'S CALLED "MAKING HOUSING
11 HAPPEN," AND IT TALKS ABOUT WHAT CHURCHES SPECIFICALLY ARE
12 DOING ACROSS OUR NATION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS. THANK
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S CORRECT. HELLO. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE
18 COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 ON ITEM 66 WHICH, THIS HOUSING
19 ELEMENT ISSUE IS VERY, VERY INTERESTING TO ME. I DID SEE AN
20 ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER LAST WEEK THAT I BELIEVE IT WAS IN
21 THE NEW YORK TIMES THAT TALKED ABOUT THE HOMELESS POPULATION
22 AND, FRANKLY, MISSTATED THE NUMBERS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY IF I
23 GOT IT CORRECT SO THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. AND THE L.A.
24 COUNTY NUMBERS ARE STILL DIFFERENT THAN THE NUMBERS THAT THEY
25 CITED NUMBERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL



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1 STATING THAT 57,735 WAS THE POPULATION OF HOMELESS NOW. BUT IF
2 I HAVE IT CORRECT, WE'VE STATED THAT IT'S 58,423. SO THAT IS A
3 DISCREPANCY OF ALMOST A THOUSAND. AND I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH HAS TAKEN A VERY LONG LOOK AT THESE NUMBERS BECAUSE
5 HE'S CONCERNED THAT HIS DISTRICTS ARE NOT GETTING A FAIR
6 DISTRIBUTION ON SOME OF THE FUNDING HERE. NOW, THE REASON WHY
7 I RAISE THIS ISSUE, IT IS NOT AN AREA WHERE I AM SPEAKING TO
8 TOO FREQUENTLY BUT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WE HAVE SEEN A 23
9 PERCENT INCREASE OF HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THAT'S
10 23 PERCENT. I THINK THAT'S BEEN CORRECTED. IT WAS OVERSTATED
11 BY A NEWSPAPER QUITE RECENTLY. THAT IS A SPECTACULAR NUMBER
12 FOR THIS BOARD TO BE HEARING AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE
13 VERY, VERY FOCUSED ON REDUCING. I KNOW THAT EACH OF YOU HAS AT
14 VARIOUS TIMES POUNDED YOUR CHEST AND SAID, " WE'RE FINALLY
15 GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS." I KNOW IT'S NOT EASY. I DON'T WANT
16 TO BELITTLE THESE ISSUES BUT IT MAY BE TIME TO GET CONTROL OF
17 THAT, IF THOSE NUMBERS ARE ACCURATE. SO THAT'S THE MAIN
18 QUESTION, AND TO BE VERY, VERY SPECIFIC IN MY LAST 15 SECONDS,
19 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE AS ASCERTAIN SPECIFICALLY,
20 BECAUSE IT'S THE LOOPY ONE, GLENDALE, PASADENA AND LONG BEACH
21 EACH HAVE SEPARATE NUMBERS EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE INSIDE L.A.
22 COUNTY. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS FOR
23 THOSE GROUPS SO THAT WE CAN GET A STRAIGHT ANSWER AND A CLEAR
24 NUMBER. I DON'T SEE ANY FOUL PLAY HERE. I JUST THINK IT'S
25 CONFUSING LIKE MANY OF THESE THINGS THAT COME BEFORE THE



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1 BOARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND INTEREST, AND TO THE
2 CANDIDATES WHO ARE RUNNING FOR SUPERVISOR, I KNOW THIS IS AN
3 IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR ALL OF YOU, SO DON'T HESITATE TO COME ON
4 DOWN.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. WALSH?

7

8 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
9 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL.WORDPRESS.COM. PLEASE. YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN
10 HERE. FIRST TIME I WALKED THE STREETS OF L.A. WAS 1966. YEAH,
11 HOMELESS THEN. IF I WANT TO SAY IF THERE'S ANY HOMELESS
12 WATCHING THIS, GO TO SAN FRANCISCO, THERE ARE PLENTY OF BEDS.
13 BUT IT'S KIND OF RAINY AND KIND OF COLD UP THERE. THAT'S WHY
14 THEY'RE NOT GOING UP THERE. MY HEART DOES NOT BLEED FOR ABOUT
15 85 TO 90 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO ARE SLEEPING ON THE STREET. THEY
16 DO SO BY CHOICE. THEY DO SO BY CHOICE. I KNOW YOU CAN'T SAY IT
17 BECAUSE YOU BELONG TO THE RELIGION OF FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
18 POLITICALLY CORRECT. BUT I SAY A LOT OF THEM DO IT BY CHOICE.
19 BUT THERE IS A SOLUTION TO EVERYTHING BESIDES COMING TO MY
20 WEBSITE, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. YOU CAN TRANSIT ORIENTED
21 DEVELOPMENT. BUILD 70, 90, 100 STORY BUILDINGS WITH LUXURY
22 APARTMENTS AROUND STATIONS AND THAT WILL SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM.
23 INCIDENTALLY, HOW ABOUT NEW YORK? WELL, SEE, IN NEW YORK WHEN
24 THEY BUILT HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS, THEY PUT INTO THE PLANS, THE
25 CITY COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CITY, THAT THEY COULD HAVE ONLY THE



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1 SLIGHTEST OR LOWEST NUMBER OF PARKING. SO AS LONG AS YOU STACK
2 THESE APARTMENTS, THESE BUILDINGS WITH PARKING, YOU'RE NOT
3 GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. AND THE PROBLEM COMES DOWN, THE
4 HOMELESS PROBLEMS AND ALL THESE PROBLEMS THROUGH THE FACT THAT
5 25 YEARS AGO THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE USING PUBLIC TRANSIT IN
6 THIS COUNTY WAS HIGHER THAN IT IS NOW AFTER \$15 BILLION WORTH
7 OF HOUSING AND TRANSIT AND RAIL. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SACHS?

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
12 THIS ITEM ACTUALLY REFERS TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE
13 COUNTY. SO THE CITIES THAT WERE MENTIONED IN ALL THE
14 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BUILDING OF HOUSING, YOUR CONCERN
15 HERE IS THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY AND THE FACT
16 THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS NOT GETTING HIS FAIR SHARE OF
17 FUNDING, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, IS BECAUSE HE HAS MAYBE THE LARGEST
18 PORTION OF UNINCORPORATED AREA IN THE COUNTY. BUT AT LEAST
19 HE'S MAKING IT UP WITH THE SHERIFF'S AIR PATROL. BUT NO
20 NUMBERS HERE. WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS FOR EACH ONE OF YOUR
21 INDIVIDUAL UNINCORPORATED AREAS. EACH ONE OF YOU HAVE SOME
22 UNINCORPORATED AREAS WITHIN YOUR DISTRICT. SO WHAT ARE THE
23 NUMBERS OF HOUSING--? NOW THIS IS A NEW CHANGE IN THE STATE
24 HOUSING ELEMENT LAW. SO PREVIOUS TO THIS CHANGE, WHAT WERE
25 YOUR NUMBERS FOR HOUSING IN YOUR INCORPORATED AREAS? WAS IT



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1 1,000 UNITS, WAS IT 2,000 UNITS, WAS IT 5,000 UNITS, WAS IT
2 LESS, AND WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS NOW? WHAT ARE THE REFLECTIONS
3 OF THE NEW NUMBERS BASED ON THE NEW CHANGES? THAT'S THE
4 QUESTION. DO YOU HAVE A PLAN? BECAUSE IT STATES HERE THAT THIS
5 PLAN, THE PROJECT WILL HAVE A-- "THE" PROJECT. BUT THERE'S
6 FIVE DISTRICTS HERE, ISN'T THERE? ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE.
7 SO YOU SHOULD HAVE HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN EACH
8 DISTRICT. SO THERE SHOULDN'T JUST BE ONE PLAN, THERE SHOULD BE
9 NUMEROUS PLANS BECAUSE EACH DISTRICT AND EACH ONE OF THE
10 UNINCORPORATED AREAS IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT THAN OTHER
11 DISTRICTS THAT ARE UNINCORPORATED. THE ONLY THING THAT THEY
12 HAVE ALIKE IS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WELL-INTENTIONED COUNTY
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THAT'S A JOKE. JUST IN CASE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT DO YOU HAVE LEFT? IS THAT A RECEIVE
16 AND FILE OR AN ACTION ITEM?

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** NO. THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM TO
19 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WE'LL
22 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. QUESTIONS OF STAFF OR ANYTHING ELSE?
23 IF NOT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL
24 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON ITEM 10 WE WILL
25 CONTINUE ONE WEEK.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE ENTIRE MATTER? NO.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES. JUST THE ONE ITEM THAT WAS RAISED
5 TO US. ON THE OTHER ITEM, WE PUT THE WHOLE ITEM ON HOLD,
6 RIGHT?

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE PUT THE ENTIRE ITEM ON HOLD.
9 BUT IF WE COULD BY BIFURCATE THIS.

10

11 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** WE WOULD ASK THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE
12 THE ITEM FOR THE PROPERTY IN WESTERN AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LOS
13 ANGELES.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE CHAIR WOULD MOVE IT. SECONDED
16 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
17 THE OTHER ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. PUBLIC COMMENT? IS THAT
20 TAYLOR OR TYLER? JAMES TYLER FROM LANCASTER, PLEASE?

21

22 **JAMES TAYLOR:** YES. MY PROBLEM WAS MY PROPERTY WAS SOLD OVER
23 THE AUTOMATIC STAY WHILE I WAS IN BANKRUPTCY. AND THE NINTH
24 CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RECENTLY MADE A RULING THAT SUCH A
25 SALE OVER THE AUTOMATIC STATE WAS BOARD AB INITIO FROM THE



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1 BEGINNING. AND ANY ACTION TAKEN WHILE THE PROPERTY WAS IN THE
2 BANKRUPTCY TAKEN AGAINST IT WAS NULL AND VOID MAKING THE SALE
3 NULL AND VOID, FORCING THE OWNER TO GO TO COURT. AND IF THE
4 BOARD REFUSES TO GRANT A RELIEF FOR THE BUYER. THE SAME ACTION
5 WAS TAKEN IN A CASE IN RIVERSIDE RECENTLY. AND AFTER 10 YEARS,
6 THE COURT OVERRULED IN FAVOR OF THE BANKRUPT. AND THAT IS WHY
7 THE STATE GAVE TO THE COUNTY A WAY TO _____ STATE WITH A
8 MINIMUM COST TO ALL CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY
9 WHICH IN THIS CASE IT HAS BEEN ADMITTED BY ALL THE PARTIES AND
10 THOSE CONCERNED THAT THE SALE WAS A MISTAKE AND SHOULD HAVE
11 NOT TAKEN PLACE. THE STATE STATUTE GIVES YOU THE COUNTY WHICH
12 SUCH A KNOWN AND PROVEN MISTAKE AS THIS MADE TO RESCIND IT AND
13 SAVE TIME, COURT COSTS AND HUGE LAWSUITS AS REPORTED OTHER
14 STATE AGENCIES TO PREVENT THESE OUTRAGEOUS JUDGMENTS AGAINST
15 THE COUNTY AND THE STATE. THAT IS WHAT THIS HEARING IS ALL
16 ABOUT TODAY. THE COUNTY SHOULD RESCIND THE SALE, AS REQUESTED
17 BY THE OWNER, RETURN THE PROPERTY, THE TAX MONEY IT RECEIVED
18 AND PUT THE PROPERTY BACK ON THE TAX ROLL. THE PROPERTY IS
19 LISTED FOR \$750,000. AND ONLY OWE TAXES OF \$150,000. I HAVE
20 NOT BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK TO MR. THOMAS PERSONALLY. ONLY HAVE I
21 BEEN SPEAKING TO MR. ANTONOVICH JUST AS OUTRIGHT TOLD ME THAT
22 THIS DEPUTY THAT HE WILL NOT SEE ME AND IT WAS UNLAWFUL FOR
23 HIM TO DISCUSS IT WITH ME. I'D LIKE TO JUST KNOW IF YOU CAN'T
24 TALK TO-- YOUR CONSTITUENT CANNOT TALK TO HIS COUNTY



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1 SUPERVISOR, WHAT GOOD IS THE COUNTY SUPERVISOR AS FAR AS HIM?
2 I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. ANTONOVICH?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU CONTACTED NORM HENLEY? HAVE YOU
7 CONTACTED MY DEPUTY?

8

9 **JAMES TAYLOR:** YES, I'VE TALKED TO HIM. AND HE TOLD ME THAT YOU
10 CANNOT-- YOU CANNOT SPEAK TO HIM DIRECTLY. AND I DIDN'T KNOW--

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU CANNOT SPEAK TO WHOM DIRECTLY?

13

14 **JAMES TAYLOR:** I CANNOT SPEAK TO MY COUNTY SUPERVISOR. HE SAYS
15 NO, YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU CAN SPEAK DIRECTLY TO ME.

18

19 **JAMES TAYLOR** I SAID IF I CAN'T TALK TO HIM DIRECTLY BECAUSE I
20 REALIZED YOU CAN GET OUTPUT FROM OTHER PEOPLE. WHAT I DON'T
21 UNDERSTAND IS I HAVE A SIDE. WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH IT OR NOT,
22 AT LEAST YOU GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU BECAUSE WHAT
23 HAPPENS IS IN THESE PARTICULAR CASES, THEY HAVE MILLION
24 DOLLARS LAWSUITS. THEY FORWARD THIS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
25 WHEN THEY DO A WRONGFUL SHOOTING OR KILLING, THIS WAS JUST A



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1 MISTAKE. IT WAS A MISTAKE MADE BY THE TAX COLLECTORS. AND
2 THESE PEOPLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE LIKE THE PERSON WHO SPOKE ON
3 THIS PERSON EARLIER-- AS I SAY IT WAS A SET UP, IT WAS A
4 SCHEME. THESE PEOPLE WERE NOT PROPERLY ADVISED OF BANKRUPTCY.

5

6 >>SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: SIR, SIR.

7

8 SUP. ANTONOVICH: WHAT HAPPENED WAS YOU HAVE TALKED-- STAFF HAS
9 TALKED TO YOU. YOU'RE REQUESTING-- THE ISSUE IS DEALING WITH
10 RESCINDING A SALE OF YOUR TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY. BUT YOU HAD
11 HAD A HISTORY OF DOING THIS ON YOUR PROPERTIES. AND AS A
12 RESULT, I GUESS YOU MISSED BY A DAY IN TRYING TO-- WHEN YOU
13 WERE DELAYING THE PAYING OF THE TAX. BUT YOU HAD RECEIVED A
14 NOTICE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR DATED DECEMBER 21ST STATING THAT
15 A PARCEL SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SOLD BASED ON THE FACT THAT YOU
16 HAD FILED A CHAPTER ON BANKRUPTCY. BUT ON OCTOBER 9, 2013, THE
17 TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR HELD A HEARING TO REVIEW YOUR REQUEST
18 TO RESCIND THIS SALE, THE FINAL APPROVAL TO BE DETERMINED. ON
19 OCTOBER 25TH, OUR OFFICE REFERRED YOUR DOCUMENTS TO OUR
20 TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR FOR HIS REVIEW AND RESPONSE WITH
21 COPIES TO HIS RESPECTIVE OFFICE. I WAS ADVISED THAT YOU COULD
22 ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THEIR HEARING TODAY AT 9:30. BUT YOU
23 DECIDED TO MEET PURELY WITH THE SUPERVISORS AS A RESULT. BUT
24 WE HAVE THAT CORRESPONDENCE. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM MEETING WITH
25 YOU. HOWEVER, THE LAW AND ESTATE LAW IS QUITE ADAMANT THAT WE



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1 DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO WAIVE YOUR TAXES. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM
2 IN TALKING WITH YOU. BUT THAT'S THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IS
3 THE STATE LAW AND YOU CAN'T RESCIND THE STATE TAX DEFAULTED
4 PROPERTY.

5

6 **JAMES TYLOR:** YES, YOUR HONOR, I THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND,
7 THOROUGHLY, AND I AGREE. I'M NOT ASKING THEM TO RESCIND MY
8 TAXES. I'M NOT ASKING THEM. [OVERLAPPING DIALOG]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WILL CALL YOU. IF WE HAVE A SHORTER MEETING
11 TODAY I WILL CALL YOU LATER THIS AFTERNOON.

12

13 **JAMES TYLOR:** GEE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT I'LL CALL JOHN WALSH,
16 JOSEPH DUVAL, OSCAR JOHNSON AND IRENE PANG WILL BE THE FIRST
17 FOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS SPEAKERS. OSCAR, GO AHEAD.

18

19 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED. I
20 SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE.
21 I SEE BLACK LOS ANGELES IS THE MOST DIVIDED CITY IN AMERICA
22 FOR BLACK FOLKS LIVE. BLACK FOLKS IN LOS ANGELES HAVE GOTTEN
23 MORE DEGRADED WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN LOS ANGELES. AND WE
24 SHOULD FIND A WAY TO HAVE BETTER LEADERSHIP. THE EUROPEAN
25 LEADERSHIP OF LOS ANGELES SHOULD EXCHANGE PLACES WITH THE



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1 HOMELESS. THEY SHOULD LEAVE THEIR CHAMBERS AND SLEEP ON THE
2 SIDEWALK. BUT ANYWAY THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE AND THE LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT OF LOS ANGELES THEY ARE INTOXICATED WITH POWER AND
4 AUTHORITY AND SEEMS LIKE THAT MISSION WENT TO THEIR HEAD AND
5 THEY HAVE THEIR ASS ON THEIR HEAD AND THEIR HEAD UP THEIR
6 [EXPLITIVE], BUT [EXPLITIVE] IS NOT A CUSS WORD NOW.
7 [EXPLITIVE] IS NOT A CUSS WORD. THE ALPHABET IN THE ENGLISH
8 LANGUAGE CAME FROM GOD. THE OPPRESSORS SAY IT'S A CUSS WORD
9 BUT YOU CAN TELL PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, ANYTHING YOU
10 WANT TO TELL THEM AND MAY HAVE A SENSE TO BELIEVE IT IF THEY
11 DON'T KNOW ANY BETTER. BUT I WAS COMING AWAY TO THE MEETING
12 TODAY AND I WAS CROSSING CRENSHAW AND MARTIN LUTHER KING AND
13 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AGAIN THEY TRIED TO RUN OVER ME. THEY
14 KEEPS TRYING TO GET ME, THOUGH. THEY WANT ME TO GET IN THEIR
15 [EXPLITIVE] GAME BUT I'M NOT YOUR [EXPLITIVE]. BUT ANYWAY YOU
16 GOT CHRISTIANITY IS DESTROYING THE BLACK COMMUNITY.
17 CHRISTIANITY REPRESENTS SLAVERY, SUFFERING AND DEATH. THE
18 BLACK PREACHERS IN AMERICA IS DESTROYING THE BLACK AMERICA. WE
19 SHOULD ASK FOR BETTER LEADERSHIP. WE SHOULD PRAY FOR BETTER
20 LEADERSHIP TO COME IN RELIGION. WE SHOULD PRAY FOR BETTER
21 LEADERSHIP TO COME IN POLITICS. BUT POLITICS STARTED WITH THE
22 BLACK FOLKS THOUGH. THE POPES SEND THE WHITE EUROPEANS TO
23 AMERICA TO DESTROY AMERICA AND THEY DID A GOOD JOB. BUT ANYWAY
24 THE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE IS GOING ON AROUND THE WORLD TODAY.
25 THERE IS NO MONEY BEING SPENT. AND I LOOK ALL ACROSS LOS



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1 ANGELES AND I SEE THE PEOPLES IN CHARGE OF THE BUSINESSES
2 LOOKING AT THE SIDEWALK. AND THANK GOD FOR THAT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. WALSH?

5

6 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. OR
7 GO TO JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL.WORDPRESS.COM. TAKE A LOOK AT THE
8 PICTURE HERE. I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE ON THIS. THIS IS GLEN
9 DAKIN. YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY HE'S SO FAMOUS, COME TO MY
10 WEBSITE. INCIDENTALLY, YOU KNOW, AT M.T.A. I HAVE BEEN SAYING
11 FOR, WHAT, 20 YEARS THAT YOUR RIDERSHIP FIGURES ARE BOGUS,
12 YOUR TURNSTILE NUMBERS ARE NONSENSE. YOU ALL SAT THERE WITH A
13 SMIRK. AND WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER THIS WEEK? THE L.A. TIMES,
14 AFTER I PESTERED THEM FOR MANY YEARS, COPYCATTED EVERYTHING
15 THAT I SAID. YOUR RIDERSHIP FIGURES ARE NONSENSE. AND
16 INCIDENTALLY, ANYBODY CAN SNEAK INTO THE SUBWAY NOW. ALL YOU
17 HAVE TO DO IS SLIDE RIGHT THROUGH. GO TO NEW YORK AND SEE HOW
18 THEY'VE GOT THE GATES. THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY YOU CAN SNEAK INTO
19 THE SUBWAY IN NEW YORK AND THAT'S JUMP THE TURNSTILES. AND IF
20 YOU MISS, YOU END UP IN THE HOSPITAL. I LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT
21 WHAT I HAVE HERE IS A PICTURE OF MR. GLEN DAKIN. MR. DAKIN, IF
22 YOU GO AND CHECK, HIS SISTER JUST GOT A JOB. HERE, IF YOU WANT
23 A JOB, APPOINTMENT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SLEEP WITH ONE OF YOU
24 FIVE PEOPLE. BUT OVER AT CITY COUNCIL, IF YOU WANT A JOB YOU
25 HAVE TO SLEEP WITH THE MAYOR. SO I JUST WANT PEOPLE TO



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1 UNDERGO, I SAID IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN, I'M ASKING FOR ONE
2 PERSON TO DISAGREE AND SAY THAT I'M A LIAR. COME TO MY
3 WEBSITE. YOU'LL FIND ALL THE INFORMATION ON GLEN DAKIN, THE
4 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S BOYFRIEND. NOT THE COUNTY
5 MAYOR, PLEASE. AND I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, COME TO OUR
6 WEBSITE. YOU WILL FIND ALL THE INFORMATION ON A HORRENDOUS
7 SCANDAL. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS MR. DUVALL HERE? OKAY. AND ALMIRA
10 GARZA AND RABBI KLEIN, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. MISS PANG?

11

12 **IRENE PANG:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS IRENE. AND I EXPECT
13 THE SECURITY TEAM IS DOING A BETTER WORK ESPECIALLY IN THE
14 HOLIDAY SEASON. SECOND, I CONCERNED THAT A CITIZEN IN THE
15 HANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP THE INJURY GOVERNMENT STAFF IN
16 THE WORKING PLACE AND WORKING HOURS AND IN THEIR SPECIAL
17 SITUATION. REALLY PAY AND END UP PAYING ONCE OF THOSE VICTIMS
18 OF THE POTENT GOVERNMENT'S DEFENSE WORKING. THREE, ANYONE
19 ENTERING TO THE OTHER'S PROPERTY THERE IS WRONG RELATION TO
20 THE LAW WHEN THEY KNOW AND THE SAME ONE HAD BEEN TOLD THERE IS
21 A WRONG END. BUT THE WRONG RELATION STILL CONTINUES TO ME. THE
22 PUNISHMENT IS A NECESSARY. NUMBER FOUR, I CONCERNED DOING THE
23 BETTER WORK FOR SELF-PROTECTION AND THE CONCERN PUBLIC SAFETY
24 IS A NECESSARY TO ALL THE POPULATION. THAT'S ONE OF THE GOOD
25 CHARACTERISTIC. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. DUVALL?

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4 **JOSEPH DUVALL:** GOOD MORNING.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FOLLOWED BY MS. GARZA, FOLLOWED BY THE
7 RABBI

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9 **JOSEPH DUVALL:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, HONORABLE
10 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSEPH DUVALL. I WORK WITH COMMUNITY
11 COALITION. I'M ACTUALLY HERE REPRESENTING A NUMBER OF OUR
12 RELATIVE CAREGIVERS WHO ARE GREATLY IMPACTED BY ANY CHANGES OR
13 ISSUES THAT POP UP WITHIN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. ONE OF OUR
14 MEMBERS, MISS PATRICIA CRENSHAW, IS ONE OF THOSE WHO HAS BEEN
15 CARING FOR HER NIECES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND REALLY COULD
16 VALUE THE BENEFIT OF HAVING A DEDICATED WORKER TO HELP HER
17 NAVIGATE LOCAL RESOURCES TO HELP HER ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH
18 NEEDS FOR HER CHILDREN AND THE FOLKS IN HER CARE. THAT'S JUST
19 ONE EXAMPLE OF HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES THAT WE WORK WITH. AND AT
20 COMMUNITY COALITION WHAT WE DO IS FOCUS ON MAKING SURE THAT
21 THESE CAREGIVERS HAVE THE SKILLS AND THE DEVELOPED SOLUTIONS
22 TO ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE IN THEIR
23 SITUATION. WHAT I'D LIKE TO JUST SAY JUST BRIEFLY ON THIS, ON
24 THE MATTER THAT WE'RE HERE FOR TODAY IS WE'RE HERE IN
25 SOLIDARITY OF THE WORKERS WHO SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE



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1 CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY. AND OUR FAMILIES HAVE SAID ON
2 MULTIPLE OCCASIONS THAT THESE CHILDREN WOULD DO BETTER IF THE
3 WORKERS HAD TIME TO, ONE, GET TO KNOW THEM AS CAREGIVERS, BUT
4 THEN ALSO CONNECT THEM TO LOCAL COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD-
5 BASED RESOURCES. AND SO FOR US HIRING MORE SOCIAL WORKERS AND
6 PLACING THEM IN AREAS OF HIGH NEED SUCH AS KINSHIP AND RELATED
7 AREAS WOULD IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF ALL CHILDREN WITHIN THE
8 JURISDICTION OF L.A. COUNTY'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MISS GARZA.

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12 **ALMIRA GARZA:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME ALMIRA GARZA AND I WORK
13 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND I AM
14 OUT OF THE VERMONT CORRIDOR OFFICE. I AM AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE
15 WORKER. I HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR THE COUNTY FOR 13 YEARS. MY
16 JOB IS I GO OUT AND INVESTIGATE CHILD ABUSE. AND I'M HERE
17 TODAY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU JUST THE CONCERNS WE HAVE WITH THE
18 OVERWHELMING FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE, THE NEED FOR NEW, MORE
19 SOCIAL WORKERS TO BE HIRED, TO SERVICE THESE FAMILIES THAT ARE
20 IN NEED, THESE CHILDREN THAT ARE VULNERABLE TO ABUSE. THE
21 CHILDREN WE'RE SERVICING, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO REALLY
22 GET THEIR TRUST BECAUSE WE ARE MOVING THESE CHILDREN SO FAST
23 THROUGH OUR SYSTEM BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS ON A TIMELY FASHION
24 AND BECAUSE WE'RE OVERWHELMED. THE VERMONT CORRIDOR SERVES
25 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT. AND WE ARE OVERWHELMED. WE



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1 WOULD LIKE TO SERVICE OUR FAMILIES, SERVICE THESE VERY
2 VULNERABLE CHILDREN, AND WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH US SO THAT WE CAN
4 HAVE MORE SOCIAL WORKERS AND KEEP THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN
5 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THAT IS WHAT WE'RE ASKING. WE JUST WANT
6 THE CHILDREN THAT WE ARE SERVICING-- AND I'M SURE ALL OF YOU
7 WANT THE SAME-- THAT WE PROTECT THE CHILDREN. AND WE CAN ONLY
8 DO THAT IF THE NUMBERS-- IF WE CAN HAVE MORE WORKERS HIRED TO
9 HELP US. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT I CALL ERIC PREVEN AND MR. SACHS TO
12 JOIN UP HERE PLEASE AND MORRIS GRIFFIN. RABBI KLEIN

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14 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** YES, HI. MY NAME IS RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN
15 AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC
16 JUSTICE. I'M ALSO A PARENT AND HAVE THREE CHILDREN WHO I KNOW
17 I WILL DO ANYTHING TO PROTECT AND TO TAKE CARE OF. AND I'M
18 HERE BECAUSE I'M JOINING MY COLLEAGUES WHO JUST SPOKE WITH A
19 GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN THAT THE CASELOADS FOR OUR SOCIAL
20 WORKERS MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE ENOUGH TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY
21 CHILD IS CARED FOR. JEWISH TRADITION TEACHES THAT ALL HUMAN
22 BEINGS ARE CREATED IN THE DIVINE IMAGE. AND ONE OF MY
23 INTELLECTUAL HEROES, RABBI YITZ GREENBERG TEACHES THAT THREE
24 THINGS FOLLOW FROM THAT. ONE, THAT ALL PEOPLE, CHILDREN
25 INCLUDED, ARE OF INFINITE VALUE. TWO, THAT THEY ARE FULLY



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1 EQUAL AND, THREE, FULLY UNIQUE. OUR SOCIAL WORKERS KNOW THIS
2 UNIQUENESS MORE THAN ANY OF OUR COUNTY'S-- MORE THAN ANYONE
3 FOR OUR COUNTY'S YOUTH. AND WHEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO
4 SERVE THESE CHILDREN, HONORING THEIR INHERENT VALUE AND
5 DIGNITY, THEY CAN SHARE WITH ALL OF US WHY WE SHOULD NOT
6 FORSAKE THEM. THEY MUST BE GIVEN MANAGEABLE CASE HOLDS IF WE
7 EXPECT ANY FUTURE FOR THESE KIDS. MY FRIENDS HERE, IN MY
8 TRADITION, EVERY NEWBORN CHILD IS THE POTENTIAL MESSIAH. CAN
9 WE AVOID INSTITUTIONALIZING A SYSTEM THAT REJECTS THE SANCTITY
10 OF HUMAN BEINGS? PLEASE. CAN WE INSTEAD HONOR THE POTENTIAL OF
11 EVERY CHILD AND ENSURE THAT THEY GET A FIGHTING CHANCE IN THIS
12 WORLD? I WANT TO THANK YOU. GOD MADE EVERY ONE OF US IN THE
13 DIVINE IN IMAGE, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
14 DO WHAT'S RIGHT AND TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT THESE KIDS ARE
15 TREATED WITH THE RESPECT AND INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY THAT
16 THEY DESERVE. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RABBI, FOR THE RECORD, THE BOARD DID APPROVE
19 MONEY TO HIRE ADDITIONAL WORKERS TWO YEARS AGO AND THE
20 DEPARTMENT'S IN THE PROCESS OF HIRING OF THOSE PEOPLE.

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22 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** CORRECT, YES. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE
23 THAT WE MAINTAIN THAT COMMITMENT. I KNOW THERE ARE DISCUSSIONS
24 ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. I WILL ASK, BEFORE
2 WE TAKE THE OTHER SPEAKERS, I WILL ASK THE LAST SPEAKER TO
3 JOIN US. WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT. MUHAMMAD
4 JABRIEL WILL BE THE LAST SPEAKER. OKAY. MR. PREVEN.

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6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
7 DISTRICT 3. YOU KNOW, THE UNFILLED POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT
8 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SUBJECT, THEY'RE DOING SELFIES
9 OVER THERE-- IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S
10 RIGHT ON THE UNION BARGAINING TABLE RIGHT NOW, SO I'LL SIMPLY
11 STATE MY SUPPORT FOR THE WORKERS AND MOVE FORWARD. I JUST WANT
12 TO ALSO SAY THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THERE WAS A GUY UP
13 HERE, I THINK HE WAS BEING BEAMED IN, ABOUT SOME TAX
14 DEFAULTING AND HE WAS HOPING THAT HE COULD HAVE SOME HELP ON
15 THE TAX-- HIS TAX LIEN OR BILL. AND OF COURSE THE SUPERVISOR
16 WISELY POINTED OUT THAT WE CAN'T JUST WAIVE YOUR TAX BILL.
17 HOWEVER, OF COURSE IN 2011, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID. AND
18 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS TO BE INVOLVED BECAUSE IT'S A BIG
19 DEAL. AND IN THAT CASE IT WAS SOME PARCELS OUT IN I THINK IT'S
20 PALMDALE THAT WERE-- HAD BEEN NEVER QUITE DEVELOPED. SO BY
21 FORGIVING THAT 6 OR \$7 MILLION BILL, THE IDEA WAS WE'D GET IT
22 BACK ON THE TAX ROLL, ET CETERA. SO THERE IS A MODEL FOR THAT,
23 AT LEAST, AND I COULD DIRECT YOU TO THAT AT SOME POINT. MY
24 FINAL MINUTE I'M GOING TO USE TO TALK ABOUT THE LITTLE STORY
25 OF AMERICAN GOLF WHICH IS A "LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD" STORY,



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1 ABOUT A COMPANY THAT STARTED OUT HERE IN THE WEST COAST AND
2 EVENTUALLY WAS ACQUIRED BY A BANK CALLED GOLDMAN SACHS AND
3 STARWOOD CAPITAL. THAT WAS IN 2003, I BELIEVE. BUT SUBSEQUENT
4 AFTER THAT, THEY HAD A RUN ON SOME OF THE COUNTY GOLF COURSES.
5 THERE'S A LOBBYIST FIRM, ENGLANDER KNABE AND ALLEN, THEY'RE
6 VERY FAMOUS. THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING, AND THEY LOBBIED
7 HARD AND GOT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AGREE TO A SIX GOLF
8 COURSE EXTENSION FOR 20 YEARS. AND THEN A FEW MONTHS LATER,
9 THEY PUSHED THROUGH ONE IN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT
10 CALLED EL CORISO. AND TODAY THERE WAS AN ITEM THAT'S BEEN
11 DELAYED FOR ONE MORE WHICH IS WHITTIER NARROWS, AND THIS ONE
12 LOOKS GREAT. LOOKS LIKE A SUPER-DUPER DEAL. BUT WE NEED TO SEE
13 THIS OTHER PROPOSALS BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT THIS INTERESTING
14 DIMENSION, WHICH IS THAT IF WE AGREE TO IT NOW WE'RE IN FOR 22
15 AND A HALF YEARS, SO WE'LL ALL TAKE A LOOK NEXT WEEK.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. GRIFFIN AND THEN JABRIEL MUHAMMAD.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
24 ANTONOVICH, FOR STEPPING UP AND TELLING THE GENTLEMAN, THE
25 RABBI THAT TWO YEARS AGO YOU AUTHORIZED HOW MANY POSITIONS DID



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1 YOU AUTHORIZE TO HIRE? 650, I BELIEVE, IT WAS MENTIONED IN THE
2 MEETING. AND HOW MANY POSITIONS ARE BEING FILLED? 150
3 POSITIONS I BELIEVE WAS IN THE MEETING THAT YOU HAD IN JUNE OR
4 JULY THIS PAST YEAR. SO WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND OUT ABOUT THE
5 AUTHORIZED TWO YEARS AGO FUNDED TO BE HIRED BUT STILL HAVEN'T
6 BEEN FILLED. SO WHEN YOU GET TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE HERE
7 REGARDING D.C.F.S. AND FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH
8 THOSE 500 POSITIONS. BIG GAP IN METRO RIDERSHIP, SUBWAY
9 FIGURES DON'T ADD UP. BIG GAP IN D.C.F.S. STAFFING. FIGURES
10 DON'T ADD UP. YOU SEE THE COMPARISONS HERE? YOU SEE HOW THAT
11 WORKS? IT'S PRETTY SIMILAR. THAT BEING SAID, I DID WANT TO
12 ADDRESS THIS WEEK'S UPCOMING BOARD MEETING WITH THE M.T.A. AND
13 AGAIN IT'S A SITUATION THAT'S RIPE FOR DISCUSSION. YOU KNOW,
14 BACK IN JULY 2011, YOU WENT TOGETHER WITH THE BOARD, YOU DID
15 ALL THESE STEPS TO AUTHORIZE A NONPROFIT FOR FOR A T.I.F.I.A.
16 LOAN. \$546 MILLION T.I.F.I.A. LOAN FOR THE CRENSHAW LINE. NEED
17 THIS NONPROFIT TO GET THE T.I.F.I.A. LOAN. AND LO AND BEHOLD,
18 IN THIS NOVEMBER 20TH, ADOPTIVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
19 EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO A T.I.F.I.A. LOAN. NO NONPROFIT.
20 PORQUE? DONDE ESTA LA NONPROFIT FOR THIS T.I.F.I.A. LOAN FOR
21 \$160 MILLION WHEN YOU NEEDED A T.I.F.I.A. LOAN FOR THE 546--
22 YOU NEEDED A NONPROFIT FOR THE \$546 MILLION. ALL WE'RE LOOKING
23 FOR HERE IS AN EXPLANATION: WHY ON ONE CASE YOU NEED THIS AND
24 WHY ON THE OTHER CASE YOU DON'T NEED THAT? IT'S JUST A PATH
25 THROUGH, AND IT'S A CHANCE TO STEAL MORE MONEY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. GRIFFIN?

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4 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** TO THE CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M MORRIS
5 GRIFFIN, BETTER KNOWN AS "BIG MONEY." I RISE TODAY ON BEHALF
6 OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONE OF
7 THE LARGEST DEPARTMENTS WE HAVE HERE IN THE COUNTY. AND A LOT
8 OF US FEEL THAT WE ARE OVERWORKED AND UNDERPAID. I RISE TODAY
9 TO ASK THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS BEHIND HIRING BUT
10 ALSO THE CASELOADS. WE'VE NOTICED A GREAT DEAL OF
11 REGENTRIFICATION OF HIRING PRACTICES. WE WOULD ASK FOR PARITY
12 IN THAT REGARD. WE'VE BEEN TOLD TIME AND TIME AGAIN THROUGHOUT
13 THIS BARGAINING, WHICH HAS BEEN THE WORST BARGAINING THAT
14 WE'VE HAD IN ALL YEARS PAST, THAT THERE'S NO MONEY. YOU ALL
15 KNOW THAT THERE'S \$27.4 BILLION IN THE BUDGET. YOU ALL KNOW
16 THAT WE WERE ASKED TO SAVE A BILLION DOLLARS AND WE DID SO IN
17 REGARDS TO COST- CUTTING SAVINGS. AND THEN WE WERE ABLE TO
18 PASS PROPOSITION 30, WHICH I'VE GIVEN YOU ALL A COPY OF TO
19 SHOW THAT THERE IS SOCIAL SERVICES MONEY AVAILABLE FOR OUR
20 WORKERS. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK THAT YOU TAKE WHAT WE'RE
21 HEARING ABOUT BARGAINING IN TERMS OF PART-TIME WORKERS TO DO
22 THE JOB OF PERMANENT WORKERS. WE HAVE NOT ASKED FOR THESE
23 PART-TIMERS TO DO THIS KIND OF WORK. WE NEED FULL-TIME
24 EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY. SO I WOULD ASK THAT YOU RECONSIDER
25 AND TAKE THESE PART-TIMERS OFF THE TABLE AND LET US PASS THIS



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1 BUDGET TO WHERE WE CAN GO AHEAD AND MOVE FORWARD ON OUR
2 BARGAINING. IN ADDITION TO THAT, YOU KNOW AND I KNOW THAT HERE
3 IN THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE HALL OF RECORDS
4 WE ALL SEE BOXES. I'VE BEEN ASKING FOR A CARDBOARD BOX
5 COMPRESSOR. IT WILL PAY FOR ITSELF IN ALL DUE TIME. THAT'S MY
6 TIME. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. MUHAMMAD. THEN WE UNDERSTAND THAT
9 MICHAEL AGUILAR HAD SIGNED UP, BUT THE CARD IS NOT THERE. SO
10 MR. AGUILAR, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE. HE WILL BE THE
11 LAST SPEAKER. THANK YOU.

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13 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
14 JABRIEL MUHAMMAD. I'M REPRESENTING BISMILLAH, THE JUSTICE
15 MOVEMENT. AND THIS PARTICULAR COMMENT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO
16 WITH THE CHILDREN AND WHAT WAS PROPOSED IN REGARDS TO
17 COUNSELING AND MORE SOCIAL WORKERS. FOR ME, THAT'S LIKE
18 PUTTING A BAND-AID ON A BROKEN ARM. IN MY OBSERVATION, I THINK
19 THAT THE STATE THAT WE ARE IN IN A SOCIETY THAT OUR CHILDREN
20 NEED MUCH MORE ATTENTION THAN WHAT A SOCIAL WORKER CAN GIVE.
21 YOU KNOW, I WAS JUST READING IN A STAT THAT SOME-- AT 18 YEARS
22 OLD, THE FOSTER SYSTEM HAS TO DISCHARGE THOSE CHILDREN IN
23 THEIR CARE AND EVERY YEAR SOME 23,000 CHILDREN ARE DISCHARGED
24 FROM THE FOSTER SYSTEM. AND THEY ARE GIVEN NO SUPPORT
25 WHATSOEVER. I COULDN'T BELIEVE THE NUMBER. AT THIS POINT, I



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1 SAY WELL WHERE IS OUR BUDGET? WHERE IS THE CATCH-ALL FOR THAT?
2 I THINK THAT ORPHANAGES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE BUILT TO,
3 HOW CAN I SAY? FOSTER AND FORTIFY OUR YOUTH. WE NEED TO BE
4 CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. WE NEED A
5 BOARD AND CARE SYSTEM FOR OUR CHILDREN, AN ONGOING ONE. YOU
6 KNOW, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO IT AND MAKE
7 EFFORT TO BUDGET IT AND WITH ALL THIS MONEY, \$160 MILLION AND
8 \$24.7 BILLION.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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12 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. AGUILAR?

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16 **MICHAEL AGUILAR:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. I APPRECIATE YOU ALLOWING
17 ME TIME TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS MICHAEL AGUILAR. I'M ONE OF
18 MANY HARD-WORKING CHILD SOCIAL WORKERS FOR D.C.F.S. DEDICATED,
19 HONORED AND PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THE CHILDREN OF L.A. COUNTY.
20 WE'RE HERE TODAY TO BRING YOU 836 TEDDY BEARS WHICH REPRESENTS
21 38 CHILDREN WHOSE LIVES EACH SOCIAL WORKER MUST ENSURE DAILY.
22 INVOLVING THESE OFFICES. THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOU OR ME, ABOUT
23 DOLLAR SIGNS OR DECIMAL POINTS. TODAY WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE
24 LIVES OF CHILDREN. FOR FAR TOO LONG WE HAVE WATCHED AS OUR
25 SERVICES HAVE BECOME STRAINED. NOW WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO



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1 MAKE CHANGES THAT WE NEED IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE
2 QUALITY SERVICES THAT WE AS SOCIAL WORKERS ARE VERY PROUD OF.
3 BUT WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT, AND WE NEED
4 YOU TO PARTNER WITH US. WE NEED YOU TO SAY THAT THE CHILDREN
5 WE SERVE DO MATTER. WE HAVE BEEN GOOD FAITH PARTNERS WITH YOU
6 TO BALANCE THE BOOKS, TO BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE DURING THE
7 RECESSION IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR VITAL SERVICES QUESTIONING. WE
8 CONTINUE TO ASK NOTHING LESS. A PARTNERSHIP SO THAT D.C.F.S.
9 CAN FUNCTION AS IT WAS INTENDED TO. TO PARTNER WITH US SO THAT
10 CHILDREN AROUND LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN RELY ON US TO KEEP THEM
11 SAFE. AS SOCIAL WORKERS, WE HAVE A DUTY TO BE THE VOICE FOR
12 THE VOICELESS. DAILY WE SEE THE FACES OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE
13 BEEN ABUSED AND NEGLECTED. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THEM
14 SAFE. IS THIS TOO MUCH TO ASK? HAVEN'T THESE CHILDREN SUFFERED
15 ENOUGH? TODAY I'M URGING YOU: PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING. THE
16 CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE COUNTING ON YOU. THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
20 WOULD YOU READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE?

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME, BEFORE WE DO THAT. SUPERVISOR
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS AN ADJOURNMENT. I APOLOGIZE.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. YOU WOULD WISH TO
3 KNOW WE JUST LEARNED OF THE PASSING OF THE MOTHER OF DR.
4 WILLIAM S. EPPS, WHO IS THE PASTOR OF THE HISTORIC SECOND
5 BAPTIST CHURCH IN OUR CITY AND OUR COUNTY. PAULINE JACQUELINE
6 JONES- EPPS, BORN IN ALBANY, GEORGIA ON AUGUST 26, 1919 AND
7 SHE PASSED LATE LAST MONTH. AND WE JUST TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY
8 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HOME GOING OF A GREAT EDUCATOR WHO GAVE US
9 ONE OF THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY PULPITEERS, ORATORS, DR. EPPS
10 HERE AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH. SHE AND HER HUSBAND MET AT
11 MOREHOUSE COLLEGE WHEN HE WAS THERE AND SHE WAS AT SPELMAN AND
12 THE REST IS HISTORY IN TERMS OF HER LONG DEDICATION TO THE
13 FIELD OF EDUCATION, AND SHE INDEED MADE HER MARK. PAULINE
14 JACQUELINE JONES-EPPS. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, COLLEAGUES.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL MEMBERS. WOULD YOU READ
17 US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE?

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
20 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.
22 CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND
23 DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION DECEMBER 3, 2013**

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5 In open session item CS-1 was continued one week to December
6 10, 2013.

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8 There was no reportable action taken on item CS-2.

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